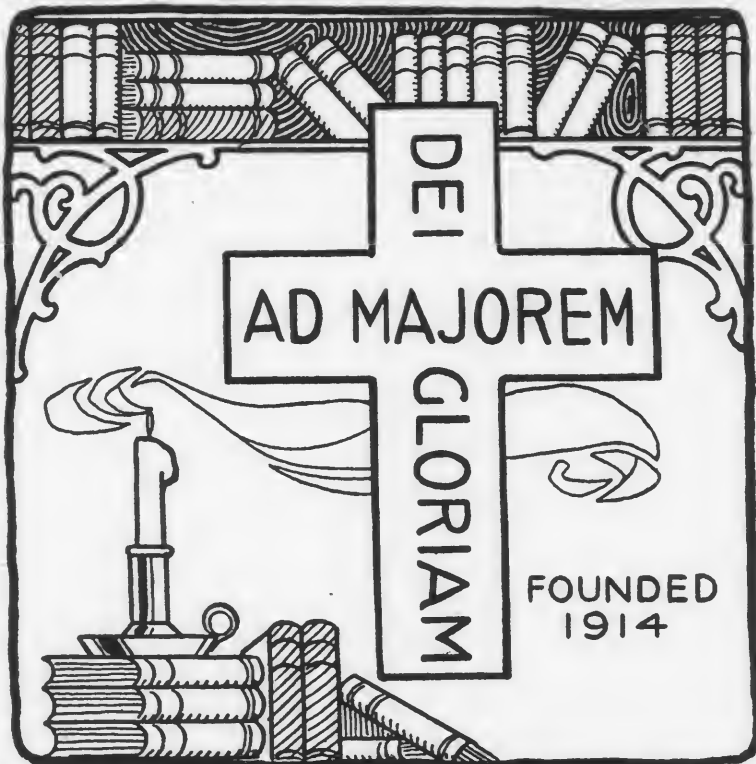
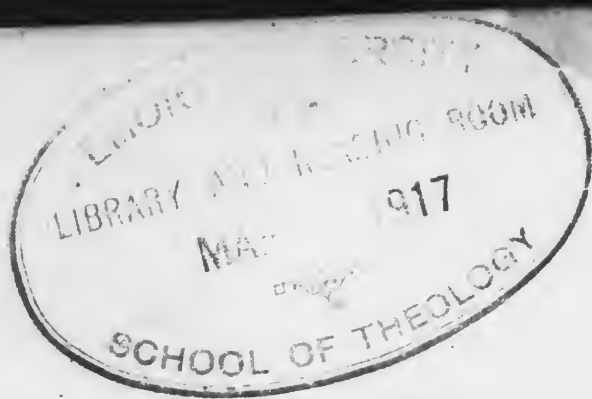


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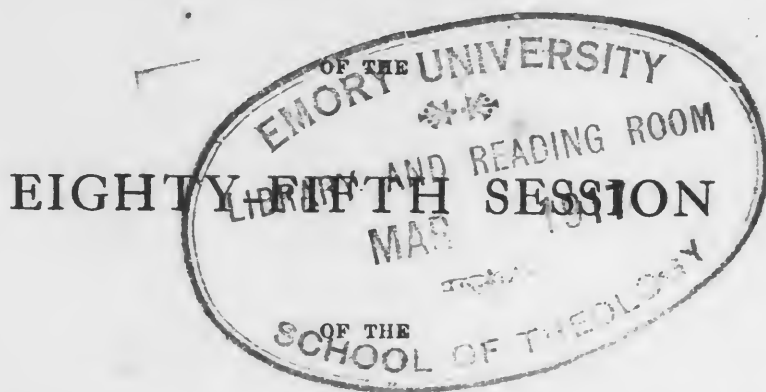
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## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

## FIRST DAY.

THE EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE was held in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, beginning Wednesday, November 19, 1879.

Bishop W. M. Wightman, presided.

The proceedings of the Conference were opened with religious services, conducted by the Bishop.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called by the Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., Secretary of the last Conference.\*

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson, Assistant Secretary.

The hours for meeting and adjourning daily, were fixed at 9 o'clock A. M., and half past 1 o'clock P. M., respectively.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the second column supporting the galleries.

On motion of G. W. Nolley, it was ordered that the Presiding Elder of Norfolk District, and the preachers stationed in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley, and S. N. Brickhouse, of Norfolk, be appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The Standing Committees were constituted according to rule, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—Wesley C. Vaden, F. M. Edwards, Wm. B. Rowzie, James O. Moss, F. J. Boggs, John B. Dey, W. H. Christian, Wm. G. Williams, C. C. Wertenbaker, Thomas M. Beckham, J. R. Perdue, L. Sanford, J. W. Hartwell, W. N. Shearer, T. B. Hamlin, H. Clay Williams, S. N. Brickhouse, Richard Irby, A. G. Kelley, John Blackwell.

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COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Joseph A. Proctor, E. H. Pritchett, John Bayley, Jno. E. Deshazo, Jas. T. Lumpkin, W.

\*The Directory shows who were present during the session.

G. Lumpkin, Thomas H. Campbell, William McGee, M. S. Colonna, R. J. Moorman, D. S. Wooldridge, J. F. Collins, J. L. Thompson, R. J. Smith, Benjamin J. Seymour, J. A. Winfield, J. C. Jacobs, I. R. Finley, Littleton Cockerell, Edward Hebard.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, John D. Blackwell and Thomas L. Williams were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

F. M. Edwards moved that a Committee be appointed on the State of the Church, in regard to discipline; but the motion was lost.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, a Committee on the Bible Cause was appointed, consisting of Jas. H. Crown, Joseph B. Merritt, and Wm. P. Wright.

A communication from Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D., editor of books, was laid before Conference and read.

A communication from A. W. Wilson, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Missions, M. E. Church South, was laid before Conference, read, and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

Conference took up minute question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?" and the following Elders passed in examination of character:

L. M. Lee, W. E. Judkins, Wm. G. Starr, Ro. N. Sledd, John E. Edwards, A. G. Brown, George M. Wright, Joseph A. Proctor, James W. Connelly, George C. Vanderslice, D. M. Wallace, W. P. Wright, H. T. Bacon, George E. Booker, W. C. Vaden, Charles H. Green, John J. Lafferty, John C. Granbery, John D. Blackwell, J. Wiley Bledsoe, F. M. Edwards, E. H. Prichett, T. A. Ware, W. E. Payne, Richard Ferguson, Herbert M. Hope, W. H. Camper, Jas. H. Crown, Oscar Littleton, Robert W. Watts, D. P. Wills, Joshua S. Hunter, Adam C. Bledsoe, Thos. H. Early, John Bayley, John T. Moore, W. F. Robins, J. H. Kabler, W. F. Bain, M. L. Bishop, W. A. Laughon, John N. Jones, C. E. Watts, W. H. Gregory, T. J. Taylor, James O. Moss, John W. Howard, H. C. Cheatham, James M. Anderson, P. A. Peterson, Robert A. Compton, Wm. B. Rowzie, E. A. Gibbs, John W. Crider, Benjamin S. Herring, John D. Southall, Henry C. Bowles, John W. Tucker, James E. Gates, E. M. Peterson, James F. Twitty, James R. Waggener, J. S. R. Clarke, Thomas M. Beckham, P. F. August, James Jamieson, Thomas H. Boggs, John M. Saunders, Jas. T. Lumpkin, Wm. H. Atwill, James C. Reed, James W. Blincoe, C. H. Boggs, Paul Whitehead, E. P. Wilson, Joseph H. Riddick, J. P. Garland, F. J. Boggs, A. M. Hall, Joseph Lear, Jacob H. Proctor, W. G. Lumpkin, J. A. Riddick, L. A. Guy, James W. Compton, James H. Maynard, B. F. Woodward, John B. Dey, John Q. Rhodes, B. F. Tennille,



J. H. Amiss, B. W. Daugherty, Alfred Wiles, Franklin C. Woodward, James C. Martin, Thomas H. Campbell, John P. Woodward, Thomas L. Williams, Wm. E. Allen, William P. Jordon, L. S. Reed.

And it was ordered that Wm. H. Camper, Thomas H. Early, J. S. R. Clarke, James A. Riddick and James H. Maynard, be placed on the supernumerary list, and that their names be returned in answer to Minute Question 17, "Who are supernumerary?"

In answer to Minute Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" the name of Jesse T. Whitley, an Elder, was reported as transferred by Bishop Wightman, from Baltimore Conference to this Conference; and he passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 20.

The matter of reporting the sums raised for the Woman's Missionary Society, and other missionary organizations, in a form which will give to *every pastoral charge* credit in the Conference Mission reports for *all missionary money* contributed by it, having arisen incidentally, after discussion and several motions, the whole subject was referred to the Joint Board of Finance, to recommend some plan by which that object may be secured.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following Elders passed in examination of character:

Wm. H. Christian, S. S. Lambeth, W. J. Norfleet, Wm. E. Edwards, H. P. Mitchell, Joseph B. Merritt, Edward M. Jordan, Robert M. Saunders, C. E. Hobday, J. J. Edwards, Wm. McGee, B. C. Spiller, Jacob Manning, Thomas P. Wise, Leonidas Rosser, John L. Clarke, John G. Rowe, T. J. Bayton, M. S. Colonna, Wm. E. Evans, Wm. G. Williams, Edward N. S. Blogg, R. A. Armistead, Joseph E. Potts, D. G. C. Butts, W. A. Crocker, James F. Brannin, Robert B. Beadles, W. W. Bennett, George H. Ray, James L. Spencer, C. C. Wertenbaker, James C. Watson, James E. McSparren, John W. Hildrup, James D. Lumsden, Richard J. Moorman, W. J. Twilley, J. D. Hank, Jas. H. Dalby, John H. Patteson, and W. W. Royall.

And it was ordered that W. J. Norfleet and Joseph E. Potts be placed on the supernumerary list, and that their names be returned in answer to Minute Question 17, "Who are supernumerary?" and that W. W. Royall be required to stand an examination, next year, on the Studies of the Fourth Year.

And then the Conference adjourned.



## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 20th, 1879.

Conference met according to adjournment—Bishop Wightman in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by James M. Anderson.

On motion of Geo. H. Ray, John W. Hilldrup was substituted for R. J. Moorman on the Committee on Sunday Schools, and A. Frank Byrd in place of E. Hebard, on same Committee.

A communication to this Conference, from the Richmond District Conference, recommending the abolition of the German Mission in Richmond, was laid before Conference; and on motion, the recommendation was approved by this Conference.

Another communication from same District Conference, respecting the omission of an appropriation to Jamestown Mission, was laid before the Conference, and referred to the Conference Mission Board.

Conference took up Minute Questions 20 and 18; and the following Elders, placed on the superannuated list at the last Conference, passed in examination of character:

B. T. Ames, R. A. Gregory, Robert Michaels, W. A. Robinson, B. M. Williams, William Carter, James McAden, S. T. Moorman, Jacob Shough, H. H. Gary, John C. Garlick, John McClelland, George W. Nolley, James L. Fisher, John B. Laurens, F. A. Davis, Thomas Diggs. And it was ordered that they be placed on the superannuated list, and that their names be returned in the answer to Question 18, "Who are superannuated?"

The appeal of Rev. T. N. Windel, local preacher of Coalfield Circuit, from the decision of the Quarterly Conference of said Circuit, was presented to the Conference and allowed.

Under Minute Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" it was reported that Wm. W. Spain had been transferred from West Virginia to this Conference; and he passed in examination of character, and at his own request, it was ordered that a certificate of location be granted him, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 16, "Who are located this year?"

Rev. J. O. A. Clark, D. D., representative of the Wesley Memorial Church at Savannah, Georgia, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed it in reference to that enterprise.

A communication from O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., editor of the *Christian Advocate*, Nashville, Tennessee, was laid before Conference, read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from W. G. E. Cunningham, D. D., Sunday School Secretary, was presented to Conference, read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Agent of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed the body concerning our Publishing Interests. He also submitted to the Conference the annual reports of the Agent and Book Committee, and the exhibit of the business manager, which (after reading of the Agent's report) were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A. G. Brown, agent appointed by the Conference to collect the Woodhouse bequest to the Missionary Society of our church, reported further collections to the amount of \$627.76, which (less cost of collection, \$62.77), is in his hands. (See Reports.)

And it was ordered that he pay the same to G. M. Bain, Jr., Treasurer of Board of Missions of this Conference, to be by him transmitted to the Treasurer at Nashville.

J. P. Garland, from the Conference Mission Board, reported the name of W. A. Crocker to fill a vacancy in the Board, which was, on motion, ratified by vote of the Conference.

On motion, B. P. Warwick was substituted for T. B. Hamlin, on the Committee on Publishing Interests.

George C. Vanderslice and S. S. Lambeth were nominated and elected as additional Assistant Secretaries.

On motion of J. M. Anderson, it was ordered that Henry C. Bowles be placed on the supernumerary list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 17.

Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions.

The President announced the following Committee to try the appeal case of Rev. T. N. Windel: W. W. Bennett (chairman), J. Wiley Bledsoe, R. N. Sledd, F. J. Boggs, John B. Dey, Jas. F. Brannin, J. W. Blincoe, James O. Moss, W. C. Vaden.

Joseph Lear was, on motion, substituted for F. J. Boggs, on Committee on Sunday Schools.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 21st, 1879.

Conference met according to adjournment—Bishop Wightman in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Alexandria G. Brown.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A. G. Brown offered the following preamble and resolution.

"Whereas, the history of the Annual Conferences, as given in the General Minutes (see Vol. 1st, page 49, and see also Stevens, 2 Vol., page 496, and Lee page 118), dates from the year 1785; and, whereas, three Annual Conferences were duly appointed and held for that year, viz.: one in Maryland, one in Virginia, and one in North Carolina; and, whereas, the Virginia Conference was held at the house of Mr. Mason, Brunswick county, Va., May 1, 1785; and, whereas, from that date to this, Annual Sessions of this Conference have been held within its geographical boundaries, as fixed and defined by the General Conference of 1796; and, whereas, the records of the Conference ought to date from the first Annual Session thereof duly appointed and held in the regular order, and not as it now appears, from the date of the General Conference at which its geographical boundaries were established; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be and he is hereby requested to appoint a Committee of five members of this body, who shall investigate and report upon this subject at their earliest convenience, setting forth what they may consider to be the true date of our Annual Conference record, showing the number of its Annual Sessions, when and where they were held, and giving such other information as they may deem necessary to enable us to reach a satisfactory conclusion in regard to the true starting point of our Annual Conference history."

Which was adopted.

On motion, George L. Gornt was substituted for F. M. Whitehurst, on the Committee on Education.

Conference took up Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" and D. J. Traynham, T. O. Edwards, James Austin, Jacob N. Rosser, James W. Stiff, R. O. Payne, Joseph R. Sturgis, S. O. Harris, W. T. Green, George H. Zimmerman, and Charles E. Wren, who were received on trial into the traveling connection, at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial; and it appearing that Jos. R. Sturgis and George H. Zimmerman have been local preachers three years successively, as well as on trial in the traveling ministry for one year next following, they were severally elected to Deacon's orders; and it was ordered that their names be returned in answer to Minute Question 8.

And it was ordered that James W. Stiff, R. O. Payne, and Charles E. Wren shall be examined at the next Conference, on the "History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South."

Minute Question 7, "Who are the deacons of one year?" was taken up, and R. M. Chandler, B. F. Lipscomb, Joseph T. Mastin, John M. Burton, N. B. Foushee, W. H. Edwards, W. O. Waggener, S. H. Johnson, Wm. E. Evans, Nathaniel J. Pruden, and Junius B. De Berry, who were received into full connection

at the last Conference, passed in examination of character and were severally continued as Deacons.

Minute Questions 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" and 8, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" were taken up, and Edward G. Chandler, John O. Moss, William H. Riddick, Thomas McN. Simpson, Thomas P. Duke, Richard B. Scott, George W. Wray, Abraham B. Warwick, Robert B. Blankenship, Andrew J. Bradshaw, Robert H. Younger, John C. Rosser, and John W. S. Robins, who were, at the last Conference continued on trial, passed in examination of character, and being examined by the Bishop before the Conference, according to discipline, were severally admitted into full connection; and (with the exception of Thomas McN. Simpson, who is already a Deacon) severally elected to Deacon's orders; and it was ordered that their names be returned in answer to Minute Question 8.

And it was ordered that John C. Rosser stand an examination on "Rhetoric" next year.

R. N. Sledd, President of the Preachers' Relief Society, made the Annual Report of the Society to the Conference. (See Reports.)

And, on motion, the following were elected as Directors of said Society for ensuing year:

Revs. R. N. Sledd, F. M. Edwards, and J. Carson Watson, of the Virginia Conference, and Wm. T. McMullen, of Hertford, N. C., H. T. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C., George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va., Joseph E. Brodwater, of Temperanceville, Va., Christopher V. Winfree, of Lynchburg, Va., and Jos. H. Dawson, of Norfolk, Va.

The publication of the *Theological and Homiletic Monthly* was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report respecting the manner of reporting funds raised for the Woman's Missionary Society and other missionary associations, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

On motion of Leo. Rosser, leave of absence after this morning's session was granted to Wm. E. Evans.

J. P. Garland, from the Conference Mission Board, reported the name of H. Clay Williams to fill a vacancy in said Board, and the nomination was, on motion, ratified by the Conference.

The President announced the following to compose the Committee required by the preamble and resolution offered by A. G. Brown, and adopted this morning: Alex. G. Brown, Leroy M. Lee, John E. Edwards, P. A. Peterson, and George W. Nolley.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 22d, 1879.

Conference met according to adjournment—Bishop Wightman in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by William G. Lumpkin.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Minute Question 12, "What traveling preachers are elected Elders?" was called, and John E. Deshazo, Paul Bradley, Wm. W. Lear, Charles D. Crawley, Lewis B. Betty, passed in examination of character, and, with the exception of Charles D. Crawley (whose examination on the course of study was not approved, and who was continued as a Deacon in the class of the fourth year), were severally elected to Elders' orders; but with the understanding that Paul Bradley and L. B. Betty shall, at the next Conference, pass an approved examination on "Church History," and that Wm. W. Lear shall pass an approved examination on "Church History," and "Powell on Apostolical Succession.

Minute Question 10, "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" was called, and Samuel Dutcher, a local preacher of Currituck Circuit, and John F. White, a local preacher of York Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of these Circuits, as suitable persons to be ordained Deacons, passed in examination of character, and were elected accordingly.

Minute Question 14, "What local preachers are elected Elders?" was called, but there were no applications.

Allen L. Archer, formerly a Local Elder of our church, who voluntarily relinquished his credentials of ordination in the year 1876, applied for the restoration of the same, producing the recommendation to that effect of the Quarterly Conference of Market Street Church, Petersburg; and, on motion, it was ordered that his credentials be restored to him accordingly.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up, and John S. Wallace, a local preacher of Gloucester Circuit; Jacob B. Askew, a local preacher of Bertie Circuit; Randolph Finley Gayle, a local preacher of Monumental (Portsmouth) Station, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges as suitable persons to be received on trial into the traveling connection, passed in examination of character, and were severally admitted accordingly.

At the request of Thomas A. Ware, it was ordered that he be placed on the supernumerary list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 17.



And, on motion of A. G. Brown, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That in granting the request of the Rev. T. A. Ware, to be placed on the supernumerary list, we tender him the assurance of our Christian sympathy in his affliction, and of our prayers for the restoration of his health.

The Committee for trial of the appeal of Rev. T. N. Windel, reported as follows. (See Reports.)

Minute Question 5, "Who are re-admitted?" was called, and William R. Smithey, a local Deacon of Boydton Circuit, applied for re-admission into the traveling connection, and presented the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit to that effect, passed in examination of character, and was re-admitted accordingly. And it appearing that he has passed approved examination on the studies of three years, it was ordered that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 7, as of the class of the fourth year.

James A. Crowder, a local Elder of Gates Circuit, applied for re-admission into the traveling connection, and presented the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit to that effect; but the Conference declined to re-admit him.

Walter C. Taylor passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that he be placed on the supernumerary list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 17.

On motion of John E. Edwards and W. E. Judkins, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we are in hearty sympathy with the movement to carry forward to an early completion the Memorial Church in the city of Savannah, Georgia, designed to commemorate and to perpetuate the memory of John Wesley, the great founder of Methodism in the world.

*Resolved*, That we take pleasure in the visit of the Rev. J. O. A. Clark, D. D., LL. D., to the present session of our Conference, and that we have heard him with interest in his advocacy of the claims of the Memorial Church, which he represents, by appointment of the General Conference, upon the support of all the branches of the great Wesleyan Methodist family in the world.

*Resolved*, That we cordially commend the enterprise to the generous contributions of the ministry and membership of our church, in the bounds of the Virginia Conference; and that we especially invite attention to the forthcoming volume now in the press, and soon to be on sale, edited by Rev. Dr. Clark, and published in the interest of the Memorial Church in Savannah, under the title of the "Wesleyan Memorial Volume."

On motion, leave of absence after to-day's session was granted to John W. Hilldrup and Charles D. Crawley, and to James O. Moss after Monday's session.

On motion of W. E. Edwards, the report of the Committee on Education was made the order of the day for Monday at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Memoirs was made the order of the day for Tuesday at 12 o'clock M.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 24th, 1879.

Conference met according to adjournment—Bishop Wightman in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Jacob Manning.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

L. E. Johnson, formerly a Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been received into our church at Cambridge station, Eastern Shore District, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of said station, as a suitable person to exercise the functions of a Deacon in our church; and not being present, sent up a certified subscription to our doctrines and discipline, and to our ordination vows; and the Conference being satisfied of his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, and also of his gifts, grace and usefulness, it was ordered that he be recognized as a Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, without the re-imposition of hands.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made Report No. 1, showing the appropriations to the claimants upon the funds of the Board, which was adopted, and the same is as follows. (See Reports.)

A. G. Brown, from the Committee respecting the true numbering of our Conference sessions, made a report, which was discussed till the hour for the order of the day arrived.

Bishop Wightman reported the following ordinations by him on yesterday (Sunday, November 23, 1879.)

TRAVELING PREACHERS.—*Deacons*—E. G. Chandler, John O. Moss, William H. Riddick, Thomas P. Duke, Richard B. Scott, George W. Wray, A. B. Warwick, Robert B. Blankenship, Andrew J. Bradshaw, Robert H. Younger, John C. Rosser, J. W. S. Robins, George H. Zimmerman, J. R. Sturgis.

*Elders*.—John E. Deshazo, Paul Bradley, William W. Lear and Lewis B. Betty.

LOCAL PREACHERS.—*Deacons*—Samuel Dutcher and John F. White; and it was ordered that their names be returned in answer to Minute Questions 9, 11, 13 and 15.

On motion of S. S. Lambeth, the action of Conference fixing the report of the Committee on Memoirs as the order of the day for Tuesday at 12 o'clock, was re-considered; and that report was made the order of the day for to-day at half past twelve o'clock P. M.

At eleven o'clock A. M., the order of the day was taken up, and Wm. E. Edwards, from the Committee on Education, made



a report; pending the consideration of which, the hour for the second order of the day having arrived (the consideration of the report of the Committee on Memoirs), on motion, the report of the Committee on Education was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

At half-past twelve o'clock, the Committee on Memoirs (through Thomas L. Williams) reported memoirs of John W. White and Joseph H. Davis, which were read (the former by T. L. Williams, the latter by J. D. Blackwell) and accompanied by appropriate remarks. (See Memoirs.)

On motion, the report was adopted, and it was ordered to be published in the General Minutes; and that the names of John W. White and Joseph H. Davis be returned in answer to Minute Question 19, "What preachers have died during the past year?"

And then the Conference adjourned.

## SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 25th, 1879.

Conference met according to adjournment—Bishop Wightman in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by John W. Howard.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, reported for the approval of the Conference, the following decision of a question arising in their business:

"Has a Board of Stewards, at the close of a Conference year, the legal authority, under our law, to determine or in any way influence the action of their successors in office, in regard to the salary of their pastor, or any other item of church expenses for the next ensuing Conference year?"

Answer—"No."

And, on motion, Conference approved the decision of the Joint Board.

On motion, it was ordered that the Joint Board of Finance cause to be published 1500 copies of the Minutes of our Conference for this session, and that so much of the expense as shall not be met by sale of the same, shall be defrayed out of the funds under control of the Board.

A communication from Jas. A. Riddick, respecting the forming of a "Mutual Beneficial Association," was laid before Conference, read, and, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

W. C. Vaden, from the Committee on Publishing Interests,

made a report, which was read, amended by striking out all respecting the publication of a monthly paper, including the resolution at the close; and then adopted as a whole. (See Reports.)

On motion of A. G. Brown, Conference took up the report of the committee on the proper numbering of our sessions; and, on motion, it was ordered that the further consideration of said report be postponed until the next Conference, and the committee continued for that purpose.

On motion, leave of absence, after to-day's session, was granted to Jas. F. Brannin, L. Cockerell and W. F. Davis.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, on motion, the order of the day was suspended for thirty minutes.

P. A. Peterson took the Chair, by direction of the Bishop.

D. P. Wills, from the Young Preachers' Educational Board, made a report, which was read. Pending its discussion, the order of the day was, on motion, suspended until this subject should be disposed of.

E. M. Peterson moved to strike out the third resolution of the report.

At the close of the discussion,

Bishop Wightman resumed the Chair.

The previous question was, on motion, called, and the motion of E. M. Peterson was carried.

In place of the resolution stricken out, the following was, on motion of A. C. Bledsoe, adopted:

"That our preachers be requested to raise, by private subscriptions, as far as practicable, an amount to assist the Board for the education of young men for the ministry."

The question was then taken on the other resolutions of the report, and the first and second were adopted, and the fourth lost.

A. G. Brown offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the President of the Young Preachers' Educational Board be and he is hereby requested to continue his efforts to raise money for the education of young men for the ministry, and that we heartily assure him of our sympathy and co-operation.

D. P. Wills moved as a substitute "that we disband the Young Preachers' Educational Board, and discontinue our efforts to educate young men for the ministry;" which was lost.

And then the resolution of A. G. Brown was adopted.

And then, on motion, the vote rejecting the fourth resolution was reconsidered, and the resolution was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted; and the collection required by the fourth resolution taken up. (See Reports.)

At his own request, it was ordered that a certificate of location be granted to B. W. Daugherty, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 16.

And on motion of B. F. Woodward and J. D. Blackwell, the following was adopted :

Whereas, Rev. B. W. Daugherty has asked of the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, a location : Therefore

*Resolved*, That we recognize in Bro. Daugherty a courteous Christian gentleman, and a faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ.

*Resolved*, That our brother, by his kindly intercourse and Christian deportment, has endeared himself to us, and that our prayers shall follow him and his family for the Divine guidance, and for the richest blessings of our Lord.

*Resolved*, That we cordially commend our brother to the confidence and Christian fellowship of any community among whom he may fix his residence.

And it was ordered that a copy of the same be transmitted to Bro. Daugherty.

The Joint Board of Finance reported the following answers to Minute Questions 27 and 28 :

Minute Question 27 : "What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers ?"

Answer—\$6,170.

Minute Question 28 : "What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied ?"

Answer—Amount collected, \$5,896 20 ; applied to superannuated preachers, \$2,554 ; applied to widows and orphans of preachers, \$3,051.

The following statistics were reported in answer to Minute Questions 21 to 26, inclusive :

Number of local preachers .....	181
"    white members .....	56,024
"    colored members .....	147
"    infants baptized .....	1,502
"    adults .....	2,439
"    Sunday Schools .....	641
"        teachers .....	7,047
"        scholars .....	38,591

The order of the day was then resumed, viz.: the report of the Committee on Education.

The Conference was addressed by Drs. J. E. Edwards and W. W. Bennett, and subscriptions to pay the debt of R. M. College were received.

The report of the committee was then adopted as a whole. (See Reports.)

On motion, it was ordered that when Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment—Adam C. Bledsoe in the Chair (by direction of the Bishop.)

Divine service was conducted by Geo. C. Vanderslice.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Wm. G. Lumpkin, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was read, and, on motion, adopted as a whole. (See Reports.)

James H. Crown, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made a report, which was read, and, on motion, adopted as a whole. (See Reports.)

On motion, Wm. E. Judkins and R. N. Sledd were appointed to receive any funds for the Virginia Bible Society that may be in the hands of the preachers of this Conference.

On motion of C. C. Wertenbaker, Wm. B. Rowzie, J. B. Dey and J. J. Lafferty, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, complaints have been made against this Conference that the churches have been desecrated by the too free use of tobacco ; and whereas our self-respect demands that, as a body of Christian men, and *especially* as a body of Christian ministers, we should make some amends for the injury done. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we hereby deprecate the injury done, and that in the future we will not use tobacco in any form, either in the audience or lecture-room of any church in which we may be invited to hold our Annual Conference sessions.

Minute Question 30, "Where shall the next session of our Conference be held ?" was taken up. Richmond and Danville were nominated ; and the vote being taken, Danville was selected as the place of our next session.

The Committee on Public Worship reported the following appointments for the next session of Conference :

To preach the opening sermon : Joseph A. Proctor ; alternate, Wesley C. Vaden.

To preach the sermon at the ordination of elders : Edward P. Wilson ; alternate, Wm. G. Starr—the appointment for this latter sermon being directed by the Conference, on motion of Wm. E. Judkins.

In answer to Minute Question 29, "What has been contributed for missions ?" the following amounts were reported :

For Domestic Missions.....	\$ 4,338 08
For Foreign Missions.....	5,988 52

Total .....	\$10,326 60
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The Joint Board of Finance, through A. G. Brown, chairman,

made a further report, which was adopted and the funds distributed. (See Reports.)

And then, on motion, the Conference adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock P. M.

## SIXTH DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment—Adam C. Bledsoe (by direction of the Bishop) in the Chair.

Divine service was conducted by Joseph H. Amiss.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Bishop Wightman in the Chair.

On motion of A. G. Brown, the action of the Conference, taken this morning respecting the publication of our Conference Minutes, was reconsidered.

And on motion of P. A. Peterson,

*Resolved.* That Rev. A. G. Brown be and he is hereby requested to edit and publish 1500 copies of the Minutes of the Conference; and after collecting the money for the same as far as practicable from the preachers to whom they may be sent, any deficit that may exist shall be paid by Geo. M. Bain, Jr., Treasurer, dividing the same equitably among the several funds in his hands.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved 1.* That we have greatly enjoyed the visit of Bishop Wightman to our Conference, and we hereby tender him our thanks for the courtesy, impartiality and ability with which he has presided over our deliberations.

*Resolved 2.* That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered (1) To the various congregations of the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth and the town of Berkeley, who have tendered us the use of their pulpits. (2) To the press of the city for the fidelity with which they have reported our proceedings. (3) To the various lines of public conveyance, for accommodations granted to members of Conference, and visitors in attendance upon our session. (4) To the citizens of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkeley, and the vicinity, for the hospitable and generous manner in which they have entertained the members of this Conference and the visitors thereto.

On motion of A. G. Brown, the thanks of Conference were tendered to the Secretaries for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

A. G. Brown, from the trustees of the "Hall Fund," made report of the money in their hands, which was approved, and the funds in hand ordered to be paid to the Joint Board of Finance. (See Reports.)

The President announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year:

Alex. G. Brown, S. D. Turner, Oscar Littleton, Edwin B. Brown, John D. Sonthall, John R. Pace, James W. Blincoe, Thomas M. Leitch, Francis J. Boggs, L. L. Marks, Joseph H. Riddick, George M. Bain, James C. Watson, Levi D. Travers, John G. Rowe, Littleton Cockerell, W. F. Bain, Christopher V. Winfree, F. C. Woodward, T. W. Mason.

The Chair announced the following to compose the Board of Missions of this Conference for the ensuing year :

Wm. E. Judkins, Dr. Garrett Anderson, F. M. Edwards, Henry W. Murray, Adam C. Bledsoe, Richard Pollard, Jno. W. Tucker, H. D. Guerrant, James C. Reed, Peter B. Crowder, J. Powell Garland, T. B. Hamlin, James C. Martin, H. Clay Williams, Edward M. Jordan, George L. Nevil, Wm. A. Crocker, Richard Irby, J. D. Hank, James Cannon.

On motion of L. S. Reed, the Conference requested the Presiding Bishop to appoint Robert M. Saunders President of the Norfolk Female Collegiate Institute.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, reported the apportionments of the various collections for the ensuing year, which were approved; and the Secretary of the Board read for information the summary of the various assessments and collections for the year just closing. (See Reports.)

The Board of Missions of the Conference, through Adam C. Bledsoe, Secretary, reported the appropriations for the coming year. (See Reports.)

The minutes of the evening's session were read and approved.

The appointments of the preachers to their respective charges were then announced, in answer to Minute Question 31. (See Appointments.)

And then the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM M. WIGHTMAN, *Pres't*.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Sec'y*.



### III.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR 1879-80.

	<i>Years.</i>
I. RICHMOND DISTRICT.....	L. M. LEE, P. E., 3
1. Trinity, Richmond.....	Wm. E. Judkins, 4
2. Broad Street, ".....	Wm. G. Starr, 2
3. Centenary ".....	R. N. Sledd, 4
4. Park Place, ".....	John E. Edwards, 4
5. Clay Street, ".....	A. G. Brown, 3
6. Laurel Street, ".....	W. P. Wright, 1
7. Union, ".....	W. C. Vaden, 1
8. Nicholson St. ".....	Supplied by J. H. Sledd, 1
9. Manchester and Fifth Street.....	B. F. Woodward, 1
10. Henrico.....	D. M. Wallace, 3
11. Charles City.....	L. B. Betty, 4
12. New Kent.....	J. W. Connelly, 1
13. West New Kent.....	G. W. Wray, 3
14. Williamsburg.....	P. F. August, 1
15. Jamestown.....	Supplied by R. H. Mullen, 2
16. Gloucester.....	G. E. Booker, (one to be supplied), 3
17. Matthews.....	G. C. Vanderslice, 1
18. West Matthews.....	T. O. Edwards, 1
Editor Richmond Christian Advocate.....	J. J. Lafferty.
Professor in Vanderbilt University.....	J. C. Granbery.
II. CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT..	JAS. M. ANDERSON, P. E., 1
19. Charlottesville.....	J. W. Bledsoe, T. A. Ware, sup'y, 2
20. Albemarle.....	F. M. Edwards, 3
21. Louisa.....	E. H. Pritchett, 2
22. Scottsville.....	G. M. Wright, 1
23. Fluvanna.....	W. B. Payne, 3
24. Milton.....	C. E. Wren, 2
25. Batesville.....	R. Ferguson, 4
26. Gordonsville and Orange.....	H. M. Hope, 3
27. Orange Circuit.....	J. N. Rosser, W. H. Camper, sup'y, 1
28. Culpeper.....	J. M. Burton, 2
29. Culpeper Circuit.....	E. G. Chandler, 3



*Years.*

- 30. Rappahannock.....J. H. Crown, 2
- 31. Woodville.....John O. Moss, 2
- 32. Madison.....Oscar Littleton, 3
- 33. Robinson River.....G. H. Zimmerman, 1
- 34. Greene.....R. W. Watts, 3
- 35. Piedmont Mission.....Supplied by G. W. Bailey.
- 36. Barboursville and Eley's Ford.....Supplied by R. Stevens.

### III. LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.....D. P. WILLS, P. E., 2

- 37. Centenary, Lynchburg.....J. S. Hunter, 2
- 38. Court Street, ".....A. C. Bledsoe, T. H. Early, sup'y, 4
- 39. Madison.....John Bayley, 4
- 40. Amherst.....John T. Moore, 3
- 41. West Amherst.....W. F. Robins, 3
- 42. Mount Pleasant.....J. H. Kabler, 3
- 43. Bedford.....W. F. Bain, 4
- 44. Southeast Bedford.....J. W. Compton, 1
- 45. Middle Bedford.....R. H. Younger, 1
- 46. North Bedford.....Supplied by S. L. Thrift.
- 47. Liberty.....John N. Jones, 2
- 48. Bedford Springs.....C. E. Watts, 3
- 49. Nelson.....W. H. Gregory, 2
- 50. Appomattox.....T. J. Taylor, 3
- 51. Campbell.....James O. Moss, 2
- 52. South Campbell.....N. B. Foushee, 3
- 53. Prospect.....H. C. Cheatham, 2
- 54. Bedford Mission.....M. L. Bishop, 1
- 55. Glenmore Mission.....To be supplied.

### IV. DANVILLE DISTRICT.....L. S. REED, P. E., 1

- 56. Main Street, Danville.....P. A. Peterson, 3
- 57. Lynn Street, ".....R. A. Compton, 2
- 58. North Danville.....J. H. Patterson, 1
- 59. Charlotte.....W. B. Rowzie, 4, E. A. Gibbs, 1
- 60. West Charlotte.....J. S. Wallace, 1
- 61. South Boston.....J. W. Crider, 2
- 62. South of Dan.....B. S. Herring, 2
- 63. Chatham.....R. B. Blankenship, 1
- 64. Pittsylvania.....J. D. Southall, 2
- 65. North Pittsylvania.....W. T. Green, 2
- 66. Northwest Pittsylvania.....Supplied by J. G. Baily,
- 67. Franklin.....J. E. Deshazo, 1
- 68. West Franklin.....T. P. Duke, 3
- 69. East Franklin.....Supplied by R. A. Lee.

70. Henry.....J. W. Tucker, 2  
 71. Patrick.....N. J. Pruden, H. C. Bowles, sup'y, 1  
 72. South Patrick.....D. J. Traynham, 2  
 73. Halifax.....J. E. Gates, 2  
 74. East Halifax.....R. F. Gayle, 1

V. FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....E. M. PETERSON, P. E. 4

75. Farmville.....J. F. Twitty, 4  
 76. Prince Edward.....J. R. Waggener, J. S. R. Clarke, sup'y, 3  
 77. Burkeville.....J. W. Stiff, 1  
 78. Lunenburg.....T. M. Beckham, 2  
 79. West Lunenburg.....R. B. Scott, 3  
 80. Boydton.....W. O. Waggener, 1  
 81. Boydton Circuit.....W. R. Smithey, 2  
 82. Clarksville.....James Jamieson, 4  
 83. Mecklenburg.....T. H. Boggs, 4  
 84. Brunswick.....J. M. Saunders, 3  
 85. West Brunswick.....J. T. Lumpkin, 2  
 86. South Brunswick.....W. H. Atwill, 4  
 87. Nottoway.....J. C. Reed, 4  
 88. Amelia.....J. W. Blincoe, 4  
 89. Cumberland.....J. Q. Rhodes, 1  
 90. Cartersville.....C. D. Crawley, 2  
 91. Dennisville Mission.....To be supplied.  
 92. Buckingham.....J. W. Howard, 3  
 President Farmville College.....Paul Whitehead.

VI. PETERSBURG DISTRICT.....E. P. WILSON, P. E., 3

93. Washington Street, Petersburg.....J. D. Blackwell, 1  
 94. Market Street ".....J. Powell Garland, 4  
 95. High Street ".....F. J. Boggs, 3  
 96. Wesley Chapel, ".....R. M. Chandler, 2  
 97. Blandford ".....Joseph Lear, 1  
 98. Ettricks.....J. R. Sturgis, 2  
 99. Chesterfield.....W. G. Williams, 1  
 100. Matoaca.....W. H. Riddick, 2  
 101. Dinwiddie.....J. D. Lumsden, 1  
 102. West Dinwiddie.....J. H. Proctor, 3  
 103. Sussex.....C. H. Boggs, 1  
 104. North Sussex.....W. G. Lumpkin, J. A. Riddick, sup'y, 1  
 105. Hicksford.....L. A. Guy, 3  
 106. Prince George.....W. W. Lear, 4  
 107. Surry.....A. B. Warwick, J. H. Maynard, sup'y 1  
 108. Wakefield.....J. T. Mastin, 1  
 109. Coalfield.....James Austin, 2  
 110. Clover Hill.....A. J. Bradshaw, 1  
 111. Chesterfield Mission.....Supplied by James Baily.

## VII. MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.....W. H. CHRISTIAN, P. E., 1

112. Murfreesboro.....H. T. Bacon, 1  
 113. Northampton.....W. E. Allen, 1  
 114. Meherrin.....B. F. Tennille, 3  
 115. Bertie.....J. E. McSparran (and N. H. Cox, supply) 1  
 116. Hertford and Edenton.....J. H. Amiss, 2; J. B. Askew, 1  
 117. Pasquotank.....Alfred Wiles, 2  
 118. Elizabeth City.....F. C. Woodward, 2  
 119. Suffolk.....J. C. Martin, 4  
 120. Gates.....J. J. Edwards, 1  
 121. Southampton.....J. P. Woodward, 3  
 122. North Southampton.....T. L. Williams, 3  
 123. Chuckatuck.....W. P. Jordan, 1  
 124. Camden.....A. M. Hall, 1  
 125. Dare.....R. O. Payne, 2  
 126. Bertie Mission.....Supplied by Wm. Grant.

## VIII. NORFOLK DISTRICT.....J. A. PROCTOR, P. E., 1

127. Cumberland Street, Norfolk.....J. H. Riddick, 1  
 128. Granby Street, ".....S. S. Lambeth, 4  
 129. Queen Street, " B. F. Lipscomb, W. J. Norfleet, sup, 4  
 130. Berkeley.....T. M. Simpson, 3  
 131. Monumental, Portsmouth.....W. E. Edwards, 4  
 132. Central, ".....H. P. Mitchell, 2  
 133. Second Street ".....J. B. Merritt, 2  
 134. Norfolk Circuit.....E. M. Jordan, 3  
 135. East Norfolk.....T. J. Bayton, 1  
 136. South Norfolk.....C. E. Hobday, 2  
 137. Princess Ann.....T. H. Campbell, 1  
 138. Currituck.....J. B. De Berry, 2  
 139. Hampton and Fox Hill.....Wm. McGee, 2  
 140. York.....J. H. Dalby, 1  
 141. Smithfield and Benn's.....Jacob Manning, 2  
 142. Isle of Wight.....T. P. Wise, 3

President of Norfolk Female Collegiate Institute, R. M. Saunders.

## IX. RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.....LEO. ROSSER, P. E. 3

143. Ashland.....J. B. Dey, J. E. Potts, sup'y, 1  
 144. Spottsylvania.....R. A. Armistead, 1  
 145. Caroline.....J. G. Rowe, 3  
 146. Bowling Green.....W. E. Evans, 1  
 147. Middlesex.....M. S. Colonna, 3  
 148. King and Queen.....B. C. Spiller, 1  
 149. King William.....J. C. Rosser, 1  
 150. Essex.....S. O. Harris, 1  
 151. Hanover.....R. N. Crooks, 1

152. West Hanover.....E. N. S. Blogg, 2  
 153. Goochland.....W. A. Laughan, 1  
 154. West Goochland.....S. H. Johnson, 1  
 155. King George ... .. D. G. C. Butts, W. C. Taylor, sup'y, 3  
 156. Montross.....Paul Bradley, 1  
 157. Westmoreland.....W. A. Crocker, 1  
 158. Heathville .....J. F. Brannin, 3  
 159. Bethany Station.....W. H. Edwards, 1  
 160. Lancaster.....R. B. Beadles, 3  
 161. East Louisa Mission....To be supplied.

President Randolph Macon College, W. W. Bennett.

- X. EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT. ....G. H. RAY, P. E., 2  
 162. Eastville .....J. L. Spencer, 4  
 163. Bellhaven .....To be supplied.  
 164. Pungoteague.....C. C. Wertenbaker, 4  
 165. Onancock .....J. C. Watson, 2  
 166. Conquest and Guilford.....W. W. Royall, 1  
 167. Atlantic .....J. W. Hildrup, 2  
 168. Wicomico.....C. H. Green, 1  
 169. Salisbury.....R. J. Moorman, 4  
 170. Berlin.....W. J. Twilley, 2  
 171. Dorchester.....J. D. Hanks, 4  
 172. South Dorchester.....J. W. S. Robins, 1  
 173. Cambridge... ..J. L. Clarke, 1

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J. T. Whitley transferred to the West Virginia Conference, and stationed in Parkersburg.

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#### • SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

Benjamin T. Ames, Robert A. Gregory, Robert Michaels, William A. Robinson, Benjamin M. Williams, William Carter, James McAden, Samuel C. Moorman, Jacob Shough, Hartwell H. Gary, John C. Garlick, John McClelland, George W. Nolley, James L. Fisher, John B. Laurens, Fielding A. Davis, Thos. Diggs.

## IV.

## MEMOIRS.

## REV. JOSEPH HOOMES DAVIS.

The Rev. Joseph Hoomes Davis, son of Rev. Williams E. and Mary Davis, was born in Gloucester county, Va., April 13th, 1809. His early education was a subject of much solicitude to his parents. In the academies of Newington (Gloucester) and Northumberland, he made some progress as a scholar, attaining to considerable proficiency in the Greek and Latin languages, in mathematics, and in the ordinary studies of English. Through the influence of pious parents, his mind, in very early years, was brought under the power of religious truth, and at a camp-meeting at Point Comfort, in Mathews county, in the fourteenth year of his age, he was converted to God. He connected himself immediately with the M. E. Church. Aided by the counsel and pious example of his parents, he was an exemplar, while yet a youth, of the purity and power of the religion of Christ. In 1833, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha F. Beale, daughter of Major Robert Beale, of Hickory Hill, Westmoreland county, Va. Death soon broke the bonds of this happy union; and in the night of that sad bereavement, he was led to consider more seriously God's dealings and designs toward him. Realizing more distinctly than ever before the vanity of the world and the necessity of entire devotedness to God, his impressions on the subject of a call to the ministry, which in earlier years had troubled him, now returned with much force. For months his mind was tossed by painful agitations in relation to his duty. Sometimes the fear of presumptuously rushing into this sacred office, added to the desire of continuing his worldly pursuits, silence the voice of conscience, and again conviction returned with such force that he was awed by the "Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel." While in this perplexity, the Rev. F. Macartney, of the Baltimore Conference, called upon him, under peculiar circumstances, to fill an appointment. As the call was considered providential, he feared to refuse, and the result of that effort determined his course in life. At the close of this first sermon, a number of penitents came to the place of prayer, and several professed faith in Christ. The night following, he preached again, and continued the meeting alone with unabated interest. In a month or two thereafter he was licensed to preach, and was recommended to the Baltimore Annual Conference; but his associations leading him to present his recommendation to the Virginia Conference instead, he was received into that body on trial in February, 1836.

Thenceforward to the day of his death, through nearly half a century, he devoted himself with unfaltering energy to the service of Christ. He received forty-four appointments from the Bishops without interference or murmur.

On the division of the Virginia Conference, Brother Davis was thrown into that portion set off as the North Carolina Conference; but his marriage to Miss Anne Turberville Beale, residing in his native State, and other influences, induced him to return to the Virginia Conference. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Morris, February 4th, 1838, and Elder by the same Bishop in 1840, February 2d. He was thrice elected a delegate to the General Conference—in 1850, 1858, and again in 1862.

During his long ministerial career, our venerated brother filled almost every grade of appointment known in our economy. Campbell, Albemarle, East Norfolk and Westmoreland Circuits were favored with his faithful services. The stations—Washington, Newberne and Raleigh, in North Carolina; and Portsmouth, Centenary and Trinity, Richmond, in Virginia, were blessed with the watchful care of this faithful pastor. For sixteen years, he was Presiding Elder on the Randolph Macon, Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Rappahannock and Randolph Macon districts. Five years he was President of Wesleyan Female College, Murfreesboro, N. C., and one year he was associated with his brother, Prof. W. T. Davis, in the presidency of the Southern Female College, Petersburg, Va.

All these fields of labor received from Joseph H. Davis the best efforts of a strong, clear and cultivated intellect; a pure heart and an enlightened conscience. He was firm, some may say obstinate, in maintaining his opinions, but he was only loyal to his own nature, standing firmly by his own convictions when alone, as well as when sustained by the multitude. None who knew him would ever suspect him of a want of honesty or of godly sincerity in any act of his life. Like Paul and Luther, and other men of granite, he would not yield to the mere dictum of human authority, but was ever ready to bow to the majesty of truth.

He was an able minister of the New Testament, a teacher that needed not "to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He labored to know the mind of the Spirit, and then, in clear, vigorous English, to communicate it to his hearers. He preached neither metaphysics, nor science, nor mere human philosophy, but the doctrine needed by man—the Gospel of Salvation—and with power sent down from on high. Receiving his message from God, as on bowed knee he studied the book of his divine commission, he spoke as one sent of God, and by divine authority challenged submission to the King Eternal. The tendency of his preaching was ever in the best direction, convincing the mind and stirring the conscience—stimulating to right action. In his prime, his preaching was often with great power, removing difficulties, scattering darkness, undermining the foundations of error, and causing all to see the firmness of the Christian's foundation.

In his pastoral work, he was truly a model. Conscientious



diligent, faithful and honest, yet tender and sympathizing, he leaves us an example worthy of all admiration and imitation. As a friend, he was true and trustworthy, and his gentle and truly gentlemanly manners and wise counsels in the family circle, left ever a blessing in the homes he visited. Our beloved brother was truly a man of God, and the deeds of his heroic and noble life are a rich legacy to the Church and a cherished heritage to his family. "For six months before his death, he was in feeble health, and spoke frequently to his wife of his departure as at hand. About two weeks before his death, he preached his last sermon from I. John II, 1. May 4th, in the twilight of evening, he sang his last song, 'My God, the spring of all my joys,' &c. As he sang, his daughters gathered to his room, and though the supper-bell rang, none moved till the song was ended. When he ceased, he said, 'Now I have finished my vesper song, go to your supper, my daughters.' From April 26th, he was in the hands of the physician. Gradually he grew worse. Wednesday, May 7th, he was thought better, but he said, 'no better.' Thursday his anxious wife, finding his pulse sinking, endeavored to revive him, but in vain. With his wife, sons and daughters around him, in reply to eager questions, he gathered up his strength, and uttered in distinct tones, "My Saviour!" These were his last words. Too weak to speak, he opened his eyes, gazed for a few moments into those of his wife, and then closed them forever. About 12 M. on that day—Thursday, May 8th—without a struggle or a groan—so softly that not one of the four around him, though watching so intently, could say when his spirit fled. All expression of pain passed, as it seemed, instantly away, and the placid, almost smiling, calm of sweet repose, fell upon the dead face. "Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep!"

### REV. JOHN W. WHITE.

The subject of this memoir was born in Caroline county, Va., November 1st, 1803, and died in Southampton county, Va., March 12th, 1879, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. His parents were pious members of the M. E. Church, who were careful in the religious education and training of their children; the early impressions thus made produced their appropriate fruit. When in his twenty-third year, he was converted to God under the ministry of the Rev. Wm. S. Peyton, July 16th, 1826. He soon joined the M. E. Church, and was licensed to preach June 30th, 1827; received into the Virginia Conference at Raleigh, N. C., 1828; ordained Deacon in 1830, and Elder in 1832.

His educational advantages were not such as are afforded at the present time to young men, who now are entering the ministry; he simply received the intellectual training which elementary schools of that day supplied. Disadvantages, however, of education, did not deter him from the duties and responsibilities of his new vocation.

His first appointment was Sussex Circuit. The labors and sacrifices of an itinerant were much more arduous and exhausting in that day than in this. Circuits had then as many as



twenty-five or twenty-six appointments during the month. This heavy work was performed without murmuring or complaint.

His ministry was continued with unabated activity and zeal for a period of fifty years, embracing as spheres of operation, both Stations and Circuits; his work, however, was mostly confined to the latter. Montross, his last field of labor, was favored with his services for a term of four years; the last year his health failed and rendered him unable to perform his ministerial duties for several months; a partial restoration of health soon found him resuming his work with renewed energy and activity; this was too much for a constitution already shattered by disease.

At the close of the year, he left Montross and came to Southampton county to visit old friends, to whom he expressed the conviction, that his work was done, and that he was ready if it were the will of the Lord, after his report had been made to Conference, to die and be at rest.

During the session of Conference in Petersburg, he could only meet with his brethren one day; most of the time he was confined to his room. A few days after the close of the session, he returned to Southampton county, to spend the residue of his days and die. After a few weeks, there was some improvement in health, and his friends were hopeful of his recovery, but in this they were compelled to experience disappointments; soon his system commenced to succumb to the power of disease.

He was confined, for several months previous to his death, to his home, and much of the time to his bed.

His condition admonished him that his end was drawing nigh; his mind was calm and serene; his faith in God unshaken; an unclouded future cheered and consoled him; and no lingering doubt intercepted the bright and heavenly radiance lighting up the passage to the grave. He will no longer bear the burdens of life with us; but ripe in christian virtue and graces, he has been transferred to a more beautiful world for their expansion and growth.

Our brother received every attention and courtesy that the kindness and generosity of friends could bestow. He was appropriately interred near the graves of loved ones who had crossed the floods before him.

He possessed fair ability as a preacher—sound, sensible and scriptural—with an intense earnestness inspired by the Holy Spirit. Hence his success in building up the Church in faith and piety, and in the conversion of sinners. Thousands were brought to God through his instrumentality. He was emphatically a man of one work—entirely consecrated to God; strong in his attachment to the Church of his choice, devoted to its doctrine and polity. Naturally, he had a warm heart, generous sympathies, and tender sensibilities; modest and retiring in manner and habits; grave without being morose.

His ambition was to glorify God, benefit the Church and save the world. May his mantle fall on us, and the recollection of the piety, devotion and consistent and useful life of our brother be cherished and venerated by his brethren who survive him.

## V. REPORTS.

### EDUCATION.

The subject of education never occupied a more commanding prominence than at the present hour. It is engrossing the earnest thought and patient consideration of the leading minds of the age in which we live. Its systems, processes and facilities open a field of immeasurable breadth for discursive thought and investigation. Your committee, however, would deem it an inexcusable consumption of the time of the Conference, to enter upon an extended discussion of the general topic; and, therefore, we address ourselves, at once, to the salient points that more particularly concern the Conference and the Church.

We rejoice, that within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, there are offered large facilities through our various institutions of learning, for the proper culture of our sons and daughters in all departments of a liberal education.

Randolph Macon College, situated at Ashland, Va., within easy access from all parts of the country, deserves special mention from the important relation which it sustains to the general cause of education and the prosperity of the Church. It stands abreast with the foremost colleges of the State. Its faculty is composed of men well qualified for the position which they occupy. Its instruction is thorough. Its standard demanded for graduation is a guarantee that the diplomas given to the young men turned out from its halls, are true signs or certificates of proficiency in the studies which they represent. Besides this adaptation to the wants of the higher culture demanded by the age, Randolph Macon College claims the hearty support and patronage of the church, because of its religious character. It is hardly too much to say that a purely secular education is no blessing, but an unmitigated evil. It is like building the ship and sending it out to sea, without helm or compass, to founder upon the rocks of ruin and destruction.

The truth is, religion and intellectual culture are mutually dependent. Religion needs intellectual culture to render its efforts intelligent and effective. Intellectual culture needs religion to give it roundness, symmetry and perfection. To combine the two—to surround the pupil, in his toil for the acquisition of knowledge, with wholesome religious influences—is one of the great ends contemplated in the Institution which we have under consideration.

Your Committee also deem it of importance in estimating the claims of Randolph Macon College, upon the support and patronage of our people, to make distinct mention of the fact, that it is under the direct control and supervision of the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences. In other words, it is a Methodist Institution, and pledged to the maintenance of the doctrines which are peculiar to our Church. We hold nothing in common with a bigoted sectarianism. We most cordially affiliate with all the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ; and yet we believe that the children of Methodist parentage ought to be educated in the faith of their fathers. Fidelity to the Church demands as much. The future prosperity of Methodism imperatively requires it. Other churches, within their respective limits, are fully alive to the truth which we here enunciate. They are building up their colleges, securing the wisest teachers, raising the standard of scholarship, adopting the most improved methods of culture, and toiling with almost

superhuman effort to turn public patronage in the channels which they have opened, while, at the same time, they imbue the instruction which they offer with the religious doctrines which they espouse. We have nothing to say against the zeal which characterizes their conduct. It is worthy of all commendation. But supineness and indifference on our part, when others are alive and active, is suicidal. We must see to it that Methodists are true to their own Institutions of learning, or else a loss of valuable material and intelligent piety will be sustained.

Another point in connection with the subject before us deserves attention. We refer to the vital relation which Randolph Macon College sustains to the Methodist pulpit of this and other Conferences. An educated ministry is demanded by the cause of religion in itself, as well as by the peculiar exigences of the times. God has the right to exact, on the part of those who are called to wait at his altars, the best qualification for the work which is assigned them. The Church has the right to expect that those who occupy its pulpits, shall be able, intelligently and forcibly, to expound the word of life. We need, therefore, an Institution of learning, to supply the means of a thorough, scholastic training to those who are called to the work of the ministry, that they may fully acquit themselves of the responsibility which is devolved upon them.

Your Committee is gratified to report that the college, during the present session, is in a most flourishing condition. There are already one hundred and twenty-one matriculates, and of these twenty-nine are preparing for the ministry. The students are manifesting a most commendable interest in the prosecution of their studies. From the President, we learn that the standing of the pupils in their respective classes, will average seventy-five to eighty out of a possible hundred.

It is also a source of gratification to your Committee, to be able to report that the old debt, which has, for the past several years, so greatly embarrassed the operations of the college, has well nigh been provided for, in what are deemed good and substantial subscriptions. The brethren appointed at our last Conference, in connection with the President of the college, have canvassed the State, and now report about \$17,000.00 on subscription. This amount, in connection with \$4,000 obtained prior to the year 1878, leaves only about \$4,000 to place the college upon a firm and secure footing. We hope that some means may be adopted at the present session of our Conference, to raise this remaining indebtedness.

In addition to Randolph Macon College, there are several female seminaries which your Committee desire to bring to the notice of the Conference.

THE SOUTHERN FEMALE COLLEGE, of Petersburg, Va., under the Presidency of Prof. Williams T. Davis, has long occupied a prominent position among the female colleges of the State. It supplies first-class facilities for the education of young ladies. The christian character of its principal, and his long experience in the art of teaching, guarantee to its patrons all that can be desired in the way of faithful instruction.

THE FARMVILLE COLLEGE, with the Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., as its principal, is doing a good work in the cause of female education. Since its beginning it has gradually grown in popular favor, and to-day enjoys a liberal patronage, and looks forward hopefully to the future. Its President and corps of teachers are worthy of the confidence of our people.

BOWLING GREEN FEMALE SEMINARY, situated in Caroline county, Va., under the management of Mrs. W. T. Chandler, is a school of high grade, and furnishes facilities for thorough instruction, connected with wholesome home discipline. This Seminary continually grows in prosperity and usefulness.

THE SUFFOLK FEMALE INSTITUTE is also entitled to praiseworthy note among the sisterhood of institutions devoted to female education. It occupies a posi-

tion in the eastern part of the State, and is presided over by the Misses Finney, who have evinced great adaptation to the work to which they are committed.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. That we are gratified at the measure of success that has attended the labors of the President and the brethren appointed to co operate with him during the past year, in their effort to relieve Randolph Macon College of debt; and we recommend that such brethren as the President may select, devote at least one month during the ensuing year to the same work if necessity demands it.

2. That the Joint Board of Finance be requested to continue the usual assessment of \$3,000 as an Educational Fund for Randolph Macon College, and apportion the same among the several districts of the Conference.

3. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., President of Randolph Macon College; Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., President of Farmville College; and Rev. J. C. Granbery, D. D., Professor in Vanderbilt University.

4. That we recommend the Southern Female College, the Farmville College, the Bowling Green Female Seminary, and the Suffolk Female Institute to the patronage of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. EDWARDS, Chairman.

#### PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The Committee on Publishing Interests beg leave to report:

We regard no enterprise of the Church more important than that of giving to the reading public a pure and elevating literature. As means of unholy dissipation, bad books and papers may be ranked among the most potent. As instruments of moral and religious progress, good books and papers must be regarded of the first importance. Hence, we rejoice to know that the Church exhibits no disposition to slacken effort for spreading over our land the productions of the best pens that can be secured for advocacy of virtue and truth. At no time of ecclesiastical history has the printer had greater responsibility than that which now belongs to his avocation. At no period has the cause of God called more loudly upon him for care in the use of his types. The battle of this age is one of importance to eternal interests—joined as it is between error of the most degrading character on the one part, and the ennobling, saving principles of an unadulterated Christianity on the other. Thus impressed, we are happy in the opportunity to recommend to our people and to the world the works mentioned below.

We regard the "Nashville Christian Advocate," our connectional paper, as one of great power and usefulness. Edited with peculiar talent, strongly Methodist in its tone—seeking, as it does, to restore what was really valuable in the primitive modes of the great effort to spread scriptural holiness over these lands—it deserves not only the 30,000 subscribers asked for in our own Church, but to have a general circulation among *all* who love our Lord Jesus Christ with sincerity.

The "Richmond Christian Advocate," our own Conference paper, we heartily recommend. Joined with "the Nashville" in the earnestness of endeavor for

the suppression of wrong and the promotion of right, it has the additional claim upon our own people of attending more particularly to our Conference interests and supplying news from the work in our own bounds. We heartily wish its gifted editor could have access to every family in our territory.

The Theological and Homiletic Monthly, edited and published by Rev. R. N. Sledd, D. D., is a periodical worthy of the attention of preachers and laymen. It enters a field hitherto unattended to by the writers of this portion of Methodism. It is conducted with ability, and we trust will be so supported by the Church as to enable its accomplished and pious projector to accomplish large good in the important department he has entered. Let every preacher take it, and make effort for its circulation among the laymen.

The Southern Methodist Review, published at Nashville, and edited by Dr. Thos O. Summers, is an important part of our periodical literature. We strongly recommend it to all who desire a work of profound learning and earnest piety.

Special attention is called to our Sunday School publications. They are of a very high grade, and every Southern Methodist Sunday School should have them. We should patronize our own enterprises, especially when, as in this case, the articles to be supplied thereby are of the very best character.

We congratulate the Conference and the Church upon the amazing success that has attended the wonderful labors of our Book Agent, Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., in securing the sale of bonds sufficient, we trust, to put the publishing house in a condition to do great good. Let every Southern Methodist now engage heartily in doing what he can to patronize the house by purchasing its valuable goods, and triumph is secured.

Your Committee would add that, after all that has been done to give good reading to our people, much remains to be done. A large proportion of our membership can hardly be reached by our present valuable publications. It is sad to go into neighborhoods where the church register calls for hundreds, and subscribers to our papers number only a half dozen—perhaps none.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. VAIDEN, Ch'mn.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.\*

The Committee on Sunday Schools, after careful consideration of all the Sunday School interests brought to its attention, respectfully reports that the Sunday School work is in a prosperous condition in most of the charges in the Virginia Conference.

It is gratifying to know that this department of church work is not now regarded as designed merely for the instruction of the children of the Church, but that it opens a door for the whole Church to engage in the study of the word of God, and offers a wide field of usefulness in the work of Christ.

We rejoice to believe that there is a growing interest in the Sunday School work in the bounds of the Conference, and that the day is not far distant when the Church will have a just and higher appreciation of this department of Christian enterprise as a means of doing good.



We submit the following statistics, gathered by our energetic statistical Sunday School Agent, Rev. George H. Ray, as indicating something of the prosperity of our Sunday School work :

	No. Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars on Roll.	Convers'ns	Money Raised.
Richmond District.....	44	742	4324	207	\$2891 98
Charlottesville " .....	78	592	4541	160	678 99
Lynchburg " .....	83	859	4777	191	816 57
Danville " .....	75	579	3804	157	809 47
Farmville " .....	73	638	5256	129	554 32
Petersburg " .....	61	779	3697	179	1302 81
Murfreesboro " .....	73	734	3969	173	536 29
Norfolk " .....	45	764	3864	165	1282 92
R. Macon " .....	74	801	4095	173	886 69
Eastern Shore " .....	40	544	3065	228	904 76
Total .....	646	7032	45092	1762	10674 80

Your Committee submits the following resolutions for your adoption :

*Resolved 1.* That we urge upon our people to establish Methodist Sunday Schools wherever practicable, and introduce the Sunday School literature published at Nashville by the Southern Methodist Publishing House into all our schools.

*Resolved 2.* That we are gratified at the improvement in our Sunday School literature, and pledge our Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Dr. W. G. E. Cunningham, our cordial support for his arduous labors in the Sunday School cause.

*Resolved 3.* That we request each of the Circuits in the Virginia Conference to hold a central Sunday School mass meeting in its bounds during the Conference year for the advancement of the Sunday School work.

*Resolved 4.* That we urge the pastors and superintendents of our Sunday Schools to establish adult Bible classes in all our schools, and that we should not as a church be satisfied until all our members, as far as practicable, shall be engaged in the Sunday School work.

*Resolved 5.* That we offer thanks to the Rev. Geo. H. Ray, the active and indefatigable statistical Sunday School agent, for his valuable services, and regret that he finds it necessary to be relieved from this work, and we request the Conference to appoint Rev. J. W. Hildrup in his place.

*Resolved 6.* That we request the Presiding Elder of each district to have the Sunday School report of this Conference brought formally before his District Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. LUMPKIN, Chairman.



## BIBLE CAUSE.

The charter, constitution and laws of Protestant Christianity are bound up in the Bible. Next to the preaching of the Word, the distribution of the Book of God takes precedence amongst the great agencies of the Church for the diffusion of light and life in Jesus Christ.

Your Committee regret that we have not sufficient information to enable us to place before you a definite statement of the work done by our Church in this important field of Christian enterprise.

The resolution of last Conference, requesting our preachers to take collections in all our congregations for the benefit of the Virginia Bible Society, has resulted in the addition of a considerable sum to the revenues of the Society; but we have no means of learning the exact amount.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1 *Resolved*, That we heartily appreciate the object and work of the Virginia Bible Society.

2 *Resolved*, That we will aid the Society in its work of Bible distribution, by collecting and forwarding contributions, and seeking the destitute, that they may be supplied with the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CROWN, Ch'mn,

J. B. MERRETT,

WM. P. WRIGHT.

## PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report herewith submitted by the Treasurer, Bro. Jas. H. Dawson, will give the Conference full information with respect to the financial condition of the Preachers' Relief Society. It will be seen that there has been a gradual but healthful growth, and, therefore, increased means of usefulness. What the Society has already done for the necessitous among us, and what it proposes to do hereafter through all the coming years of our Conference, entitles it to our fostering care and support.

R. N. SLEDD, President.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Directors of the "Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference M. E. Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans:"*

As in-duty bound, I present my annual report of the operations of the Society. The report is from the 13th November, 1878, to the 10th November, 1879, inclusive:

## RECEIPTS.

1878.	Nov. 13.	Balance on hand from last fiscal year .....		\$1294 98
1879.	10.	Amount received during present year on account of subscriptions .....	\$ 1066 25	
	10.	Amount received during present year on donations .....	40 45	
	10.	Amount received during present year as interest on bonds .....	525 75	
	10.	Amount received during present year as interest on current deposits .....	47 02	
		Last half of bequest of Miss Brown, of Ky...	500 00	2179 47
				<hr/>
				\$3474 40

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1879.	Nov. 10.	Amount appropriated by Board at last Conference, viz.: Rev. R. Michaels, \$120; Rev. D. M. Wallace, \$75; Rev. S. T. Moorman, \$75; Rev. J. E. McSparran, \$75; Rev. Thos. Diggs, \$25—total .....	\$ 370 00	
		Amount paid for \$1100 Norfolk six per cent. registered scrip, at 97c .....	1067 00	
		Amount paid for \$1375 Norfolk six per cent. registered scrip, at par and accrued interest...	1395 56	
		Amount paid Secretary and Treasurer's salary 12 months, \$150; and traveling expenses to Conference, \$5 .....	155 00	
		Amount postal cards, \$16; printing, \$4 50; paper, \$4; stamps, \$1 75; exchange, 50c .....	26 75	\$3014 31
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		Balance Nov. 10, 1879, on deposit in Exchange National Bank, as per bank book. ....		\$ 460 09
		Net increase of fund during the year, \$1627 72		

The present assets of the Society are the following:

\$10,000 in six per cent. registered stock of the city of Norfolk, costing \$8,949 06 .....	\$10,000 00
Cash on deposit. ....	460 09
Total assets .....	<hr/>
	\$10,460 09

The annual interest accruing on present capital is..... 627 60

The interest on net amount invested 12 months since, is..... \$466 86

which latter amount of interest we are, in accordance with a standing order of the Board, at liberty to appropriate.

Having no agent engaged in making personal applications, our list of subscribers has increased but little. There have been twenty-three additional names received, whose subscriptions aggregate a little over \$200. For twenty-two of these names, we are indebted to the zeal of Revs. J. H. Amiss and T. O. Edwards, on the Hertford and Gates Circuits. We have about 2000 subscribers, whose gross subscriptions amount to a little over \$50,000—a large part of which, though nearly all is now due, remains unpaid.

We have, however, cause for congratulation in the considerable sum already safely and profitably invested, and in the fact that we can distribute among our afflicted brethren several hundreds of dollars every year. Within the last five years we have appropriated \$1,305 without touching our principal, and every year increases our ability in this direction, as we are growing at the rate of \$1500 per annum.

We have, as above noted, received the remaining \$500 of the bequest of Miss L. Brown, of Kentucky—said sum having been promptly remitted by Rev. Dr. McFerrin soon after it was turned over to him by the executor of the estate. I

have received intimations of intended bequests ; and certainly the objects of our Association present very strong claims to consideration by those who may contemplate a charitable disposition of their estates.

I have been engaged, by the use of the press and the mails, in the work of interesting our people, and also of urging collections, with about the usual success. This success, though small compared with what it should be, is still gratifying. Our advance is steady, and, I trust, will be continuous.

Accompanying please find vouchers for all accounts, which you will oblige by having audited.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DAWSON,

Secretary and Treasurer P. R. S.

Norfolk, Nov. 20, 1879.

#### YOUNG PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

The President of the Young Preachers' Educational Board, begs leave to report, that he has only received in cash, since his last report, the sum of \$271.65; and with this he has defrayed the expenses of one young preacher at Randolph Macon College, and assisted another, leaving in the Treasury the sum of \$45.40.

The same young preacher we had under our auspices last year, we have now at Randolph Macon College, and there is another one there whom we have promised to assist in part. To do this will require the sum of \$200. To raise this, we suppose, will be an easy matter, if we take up a collection in the Conference, as has been our custom heretofore. But suppose we do this, would this be enough for our Conference to do in this very important department of christian work? Can any one believe that this is all that God requires of the great Virginia Conference, with her two hundred preachers, and her fifty thousand members? Are we not able with all our other work, notwithstanding all the money we are required to raise for other objects, to do more for ministerial education than this? We are of the opinion, that no one who intelligently considers this subject can come to any such conclusion.

Then we ought to do better. It is a shame—it is a sin to feel so indifferent, and do so little for a cause so important.

There are numbers of talented, pious young men of our church, who believe themselves called of God to the office and work of the christian ministry, who would be glad to devote their lives and their all to the prosecution of this great work, if they were only educated, if they only had that degree of intellectual training, so important to the christian minister. But this they have not, and there is no possibility that they will ever have it, unless they are helped by others. They are too poor to pay the amount of the expense of an ordinary education, much less such an education as would intellectually qualify them for what they feel assured God and the Church require them to do.

Now, shall we, or shall we not educate these young men? We need them in our own Conference; and other Conferences need them, and we shall continue to need them, as long as God calls, and the world is to be saved by the simple means of preaching.

In view of the importance of this work, and our duty to prosecute it, we must adopt some right and feasible plan, by which money requisite to carry it on may be annually raised. We cannot think of any other than that of taking up, in all our Churches, annual collections for this object. We have tried other plans, which answered our purpose for a while, but they are not successful now. The plan of public collections, in all our Churches, is the only one we have not tried, and we believe it is the only one that will succeed at the present time.

We are aware that there is opposition to this plan. We know that some of our preachers are unwilling that the annual collections in our Church should be increased. They seem to think that it would be decidedly wrong to increase them, and that it would necessarily lead to evil. We cannot believe this. We cannot believe that any person, or any congregation can be injured by giving to a worthy cause. And we therefore consider ourselves as conferring a benefit upon every congregation when we afford them an opportunity of giving their money to an object, which they are under the strongest obligation to sustain.

Those who are opposed to increasing the number of our annual collections, or, in other words, asking our people for a little increase in their yearly contributions, for a most worthy and important cause, might, with some little plausibility, or perhaps with some propriety, urge their objection, and maintain their ground, if our people were coming up fully to their ability in the contributions they are making in our annual collections. If they were doing this—if they were giving fully in accordance with their ability—then it would be very improper and unreasonable to ask them to give more. But are they doing this? No one who is competent to reply will answer in the affirmative.

The whole amount given last year for the three collections ordered by our Conference, was only upon an average, about seventeen cents per member, and if you add to these the sum given for missions, the average amount would not exceed thirty-five cents. Surely this is a very small sum to be paid annually, upon an average, by the members of our Church in the Virginia Conference. The sum is so small, and falls so far below their actual ability to give, that they could not object to our asking them to contribute a few cents more per member, for a cause that has so strong a claim upon their charities, and appeals so reasonably to all their benevolent feelings. We believe that ours is the only Church in Virginia that does not take up public annual collections for ministerial education. The other churches have long since seen that God sometimes calls poor illiterate young men to preach his gospel; and recognizing the fact that the call to preach includes the duty to prepare, they take these young men by the hand, send them to school, and afford them all the educational advantages they need; and they raise the money to do it by public collections. And might we not profit by their example.

Do we think so little of ministerial education? Do we regard with so much indifference the appeals of young men whom our God has called to the work of the ministry? Or are we so poor—so much poorer than other Churches—that we cannot afford to do as well as they?

If we are unwilling to adopt, as our future plan of raising funds for ministerial education, the taking up annual public collections in all our Churches, then we would respectfully recommend that we dissolve our "Young Preachers' Educational Board," discontinue our efforts in this direction, and publish to the world exactly how we stand as a Conference upon this subject.

In conclusion, we would offer the following resolutions:

1. That we regard education as very important to the efficiency and success of the Christian ministry.
2. That we feel very much interested in our pious, poor, illiterate young men

whom God has called to the office and work of the Christian ministry, and believe it to be the duty of the church to contribute money to assist them in their literary preparation.

3: That we proceed now to take up a collection to defray the expenses of such young preachers as are under our auspices at Randolph Macon College, or may be during the collegiate year.

D. P. WILLS, President.

### THE PHILIP WOODHOUSE BEQUEST.

At the last session of Conference you were informed that as Agent for the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, I had obtained a judgment against the executors of J. J. Burroughs, dec'd, for the payment of the bequest of \$1000 by Philip Woodhouse, late of Princess Anne county, Va., and that I had collected on account of that judgment the sum of \$306 51—all of which, less \$30 65—the cost of collection—was paid over as per your order to the Missionary Society, through Geo. M. Bain, Jr., Treasurer.

I have the pleasure of informing you that since then I have collected on the same account, the sum of \$627 76, which, less the cost of collection (\$62 77, or 10 per cent. of the principal). is in my hands, subject to order. The total collections to date foot up \$934 27, which leaves a balance due on legacy of \$65 33, with accrued interest to date of payment. I am assured that our attorney, F. M. Whitehurst, Esq., to whose fidelity and ability we are largely indebted, will not remit his labors, if possible, till the whole of this claim has been collected.

ALEX. G. BROWN,

Agent for the Missionary Society.

### PLAN FOR REPORTING FUNDS RAISED FOR WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Joint Board of Finance, to whom was referred the resolution in regard to the Womens' Missionary Society and the Missionary Aid Society of this Conference, beg leave to present the following preamble and resolution for your adoption:

Whereas, we believe that a more perfect knowledge of what is being done for the cause of Foreign Missions by the Womens' Missionary Society and the Missionary Aid Society of this Conference would stimulate our people to greater zeal and liberality in their behalf. Therefore

*Resolved*, That these Societies be and they are hereby requested to report to the Recording Stewards the amounts of money raised for their purposes in the several pastoral charges, during the Conference year, and that the Recording Stewards shall include the amounts thus raised and reported to them, in their annual reports to the Joint Board of Finance.

ALEX. G. BROWN, Chairman.

O. LITTLETON, Sec'y.

## APPEAL OF REV. T. N. WINDELL.

The committee appointed to consider the appeal of Rev. T. N. Windell report that, after patient investigation of the records of the case, we have reached the conclusion that, in view of certain defects in the minutes of the trial, the case ought to be remanded to the Quarterly Conference of Coalfield Circuit for a new trial, and we recommend accordingly.

W. W. BENNETT,  
J. B. DEY,  
F. J. BOGGS,  
W. C. VADEN,  
J. W. BLINCOE,  
J. F. BRANNIN,  
JAMES O. MOSS,  
JAMES W. BLEDSOE,  
R. N. SLEDD.

*Norfolk, Va., Nov. 21, 1879.*



## VI.

## REPORTS OF CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Board of Missions having carefully considered the results of missionary labors for the past year, find cause to bow with reverent and thankful hearts, before the Great Head of the Church, and praise Him for the success which has crowned the efforts of our brethren on their respective fields of labor; results that have given glory to God, and saved imperishable souls for whom Christ has died, that probably would not otherwise have been saved. The review of the work has profoundly impressed the Board with its great importance to the Church and to perishing souls in the regions beyond the limits of our Circuits and Stations. We feel an humble but full assurance that the money we have expended has been wisely and judiciously invested. During the year, some of the mission fields have been developed into circuits, which, in a few years, may become self-sustaining. The Board finds it necessary to give aid to some of the feeble circuits and stations, which are not able to provide support for a pastor.

We have received reports from the following missions: Piedmont, Lunenburg, Dorchester, Madison, Stony Point, Bertie, Chesterfield, South Patrick, Ely's Ford, and the German Mission.

Rev. G. W. Bailey has been in charge of Piedmont Mission. There are on the mission six regular appointments, and in the summer, seventeen appointments. The mission lies along the eastern base of the Blue Ridge, embracing a territory sixty miles in length and averaging seventeen miles in width. The people are poor but kind and hospitable, and thirsting for the waters of life. Sixty conversions and sixty additions have blessed the labors of this godly man during the year. Many touching incidents are in his report, that would reach the great heart of the people and enable the Board to give Brother Bailey a better support, could they be incorporated in the brief report of the Board; but want of space forbids. There is but one Church on the charge, but about \$200 have been raised for building a church. The sum of \$54.64 has been raised for the support of the ministry.

Rev. R. B. Scott, in charge of West Lunenburg Mission, has done an admirable work. There are three church buildings on the mission, which have been repaired at a cost of \$174.61, all of which has been paid; and the hope is expressed of adding the fourth church to the work. The belief is confidently expressed, that this mission will soon be transformed into a self-sustaining circuit. There have been forty conversions and thirty-two additions to the church; seventeen adult and fifteen infant baptisms. There are four flourishing Sunday schools, well officered, and numbering 120 scholars.

Rev. J. W. S. Robins has had charge of the Dorchester Mission. His works praise him. This mission has two churches, with a membership of eighty-five. There have been twenty-four conversions and nineteen additions to the Church. An aggregate of \$343.45 has been raised, making an average of \$4.18 per member.

Rev. John Bayley, in charge of Madison Mission, gives a most encouraging

report from this field of labor. The work has been arduous and environed with many difficulties, but he has been faithful and persevering, and God has abundantly blessed his labors. There have been twenty-eight conversions and twenty-three additions to the Church. The Board looks forward with confident expectations, in the near future, of receiving into the treasury of the Board large dividends on its past investments at this point.

Rev. A. B. Warwick, in charge of Stony Point Mission, does not report as favorably as the Board had hoped, from this mission field. But he has done the best he could under the circumstances.

Rev. Wm. Grant has had charge of Bertie Mission, and reports this important work as in a prosperous condition; and the hope is indulged that this mission will soon enable Bertie Circuit to be divided into two self-sustaining circuits.

Rev. James Bailey, in charge of Chesterfield Mission, reports the healthy growth of the work on this charge. Many of "the poor have the gospel preached to them," who would not otherwise receive the "bread of life." He has been greatly afflicted and hindered in his work during the past year, by the death of his wife. There have been twenty-seven additions to the Church during the year, and \$63 raised for the support of the ministry.

Rev. D. J. Traynham has had charge of South Patrick Mission. This is a large mission field in the extent of its territory, and Brother Traynham has done much toward its development. The future of this country, in connection with our church, will fully justify the wisdom of present appropriations.

Rev. Richard Stephens, in charge of Ely's Ford Mission, makes a favorable report of his work, all things considered, and the arrangements now made will doubtless develop the work at this point more fully, and give more satisfactory results for the outlay of money in the future.

Rev. G. H. Zimmerman, who has had charge of the German Mission work in the city of Richmond, reports but little encouragement for the future of that work, and the Board has recommended its discontinuance as a field of Missionary labor.

J. POWELL GARLAND, PRESIDENT.

A. C. BLEDSOE, SECRETARY.

We beg leave to incorporate into this report, the following report, presented by a Committee appointed by the Board, in regard to a circular letter from Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed to the Bishop and members of this Conference.

Your Committee appointed to consider and report upon the circular letter of Rev. Dr. A. W. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Missions, addressed to our Conference, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The gratifying *fact* is stated in said letter that "The field of our operations *is extending in all directions*, and that our Missionaries engaged in the Foreign work are *diligently and successfully* using all the means at their command."

2. That our Board of Foreign Missions, satisfied with their *zeal and fidelity*, are in *full sympathy* with their plans.

3. That our Foreign Board, actuated by prudential motives, have been restrained from making as liberal appropriations to the Foreign work as the Missionaries on those fields deem important to the extension of their work, "and have only granted enough to enable them to carry on the work upon the *limited* scale already projected."

4. That through special local Conference aid, one additional Missionary has been added to our China Missionaries.

5. That the Board has made provision for the addition of one more Missionary to our Mexican Border work, being convinced that such provision was *eminently* demanded by the growth of that work.

6. That through the noble offering of two brethren—one in Georgia and one in Kentucky—the sum of \$8,700 has been contributed as special donations for the erection of two churches and a boarding school in China, and that, besides these, the only appropriations of the Foreign Board for building purposes have been \$2,400—all the balance of their appropriations being for the current expenses of the work.

7. That said Board have decided—wisely, as we think—not to hazard the creation of a debt beyond the probable receipts from our people, for the support and extension of our Foreign Missionary work.

8. That an *increase* has been made in the *apportionments* to our Conferences for the Foreign work, based upon the fact—first, of the increase of our membership; and secondly, upon the fact that the fields are whitening to the harvest, and calling loudly to us to enlarge our operations by yet more liberal contributions.

Such being the main facts before us in reference to our Foreign work, and being, as a Board, deeply penetrated with the conviction that the cultivation of the Missionary spirit, and the development of liberality on the part of our people in the support of both Foreign and Domestic Missions is essential to our integrity and prosperity as a Church, we recommend for your adoption the following resolutions:

1st *Resolved*, That our Presiding Elders be and are hereby requested not only to give special attention to our Foreign and Domestic Missions in their Quarterly Conferences, but that they preach at least once a year in each pastoral charge upon the claims of Missions.

2d *Resolved*, That our Pastors of stations, circuits and missions be and are also hereby requested to preach upon this subject, and set apart some two or more special Sabbath services in their charges, to be known as Missionary days, when they will preach upon the subject, and seek to give our people such information as shall serve to arouse them to increased liberality in the support of Missions.

3d *Resolved*, That our Pastors, as far as practicable, shall foster the formation and successful operation of Women's Missionary Societies in their charges, in order to the higher cultivation of the missionary spirit among our people and the advancement of our Foreign Missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JUDKINS,  
F. M. EDWARDS,  
RICH'D POLLARD,  
*Committee.*

# THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

## TREASURERS REPORT.

### *I—Foreign Missions.*

Amount received from Preachers at Conference .....	\$5,898 27
Amount received from Missionary Anniversary .....	90 25
Amount received from A. G. Brown, on account of the Woodhouse bequest .....	564 99
	<hr/> \$6,553 51
Payments made by Preachers to A. W. Wilson.....	\$ 78 30
Payments made by Preachers to J. B. McFerrin.....	48 50
Payments made by Preachers to J. W. Manier.....	697 62
Amount paid A. G. Brown, Chairman, on account of Min- utes.....	33 34
Amount remitted J. W. Manier, Treasurer, Nashville.....	5,695 75
	<hr/> \$6,553 51

November, 1879.

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

*II—Domestic Missions.*

Balance in hand from last Confereace.....	\$ 589 37
Received from Preachers at Conference.....	4,247 84
Received from Anniversary Collection.....	90 24

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\$4,927 45

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Nicholson Street.....	\$ 65 00
Laurel Street.....	97 50
Williamsburg.....	162 50
German Mission.....	455 00
Piedmont.....	130 00
Ely's Ford.....	32 50
Woodville.....	48 75
Stony Point.....	123 75
Gordonsville.....	130 00
Madison.....	227 50
South Bedford.....	48 75
Jackson.....	48 75
South Patrick.....	227 50
West Franklin.....	48 75
North West Pittsylvania.....	65 00
Chesterfield.....	97 50
Wesley Chapel.....	97 50
Ettricks.....	130 00
Blandford.....	130 00
Queen Street.....	65 00
Isle of Wight.....	81 25
Second Street.....	97 50
Bertie Mission.....	130 00
Dare Mission.....	97 50
Edenton.....	195 00
Dennisville.....	130 00
West Lunenburg.....	130 00
Burkville.....	97 50
Clarksville.....	113 75
West Goochland.....	162 50
Bowling Green.....	130 00
Essex.....	32 50
Montross.....	39 00
Spottsylvania.....	39 00
Dorchester.....	97 50
Wicomico.....	130 00
Bell Haven.....	65 00
Jamestown.....	100 00
G. H. Zimmerman.....	50 00
Interest, dues and Insurance on German Chapel.....	161 25
A. G. Brown, Chairman, on account of Minutes.....	33 33
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	383 62

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\$4,927 45

November, 1879.

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

## THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879-80.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—	Nicholson Street .....	\$ 75	
	Laurel Street .....	75	
	Williamsburg .....	175	
	Jamestown .....	75	\$400 00
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—	Woodville Mission .....	\$100	
	Gordonsville .....	175	
	Robinson's Run .....	225	
	Piedmont Mission .....	300	
	Barboursville and Eley's Ford ...	150	\$950 00
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—	Middle Bedford .....	\$100	
	Southeast Bedford .....	100	
	Madison Mission .....	450	
	Glenmore .....	100	\$750 00
DANVILLE DISTRICT—	West Franklin .....	\$100	
	Northwest Pittsylvania .....	125	
	South Patrick .....	500	\$725 00
PETERSBURG DISTRICT—	Wesley Chapel .....	\$125	
	Ettrick .....	175	
	Blandford .....	300	
	Chesterfield Mission .....	200	\$800 00
NORFOLK DISTRICT—	Second Street .....	\$140	\$140 00
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—	Murfreesboro .....	\$100	
	Bertie Mission .....	250	\$350 00
FARMVILLE DISTRICT—	Burkeville .....	\$125	
	Clarksville .....	160	
	Dennisville Mission .....	200	
	Lunenburg .....	250	\$735 00
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT—	Bowling Green .....	\$100	
	West Goochland .....	75	
	Spottsylvania .....	100	
	East Louisa Mission .....	250	\$525 00
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—	Wicomico .....	\$200	
	Bell Haven .....	100	\$300 00
Total .....			\$5,675 00



## VII.

## REPORTS OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*I—Conference Collection.*

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman, from last Conference...	\$ 356 88
Cash of Paul Whitehead .....	33 80
“ for minutes 1878.....	85 15
“ “ 1879 ....	97 30
“ from W. W. Bennett, excess of expenses to the General Conference Prince George, \$5.25, Dinwiddie, \$5. ....	10 25
Cash from A. G. Brown for Hall Fund .....	64 86
“ Domestic Missions to defray expenses of minutes.....	33 33
“ Foreign Missions to defray expenses of minutes .....	33 34
From Richmond District.....	828 07
“ Charlottesville District.....	447 54
“ Lynchburg District .....	573 81
“ Danville District.....	324 34
“ Farmville District .....	573 40
“ Petersburg District.....	629 59
“ Murfreesboro District.....	566 35
“ Norfolk District .....	842 76
“ Randolph Macon District .....	426 57
“ Eastern Shore District.....	406 69
	<u>\$6,334 03</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing, mailing, &c., Minutes.....	\$ 266 05
J. L. Fisher .....	40 00
Conference Secretary's bill.....	2 75
Rev. Jacob Shough .....	135 00
“ J. C. Garlick.....	225 00
“ W. A. Robinson .....	50 00
“ S. T. Moorman .....	292 50
“ Benj. Williams.....	40 00
“ J. McAden .....	25 00
“ R. Michaels.....	270 00
“ G. W. Nolley.....	180 00
“ Wm. Carter.....	67 50
“ John McClellan .....	135 00
“ H. H. Gary .....	180 00
“ J. L. Fisher.....	166 50
“ J. B. Laurens .....	247 50
“ F. A. Davis.....	270 00
“ Thomas Diggs.....	270 00
Mrs. J. Carson .....	90 00
“ L. J. Hansberger.....	67 50
“ J. W. Childs .....	135 00
“ B. E. Gibson .....	100 00
“ M. C. Peirce.....	202 50
“ M. Payton .....	135 00
“ M. S. Shelton.....	180 00
“ F. M. Bain.....	90 00
“ T. C. Hayes.....	67 50
“ J. W. Wonnycott.....	157 50
“ R. A. Gregory.....	225 00
“ Julia Wood.....	90 00
“ Benj. Miles .....	67 50
“ W. J. Hunter.....	180 00
“ J. M. Arnold.....	112 50
“ M. C. Spriggs.....	60 00
“ B. H. Johnston.....	135 00

\$4957 80

Brought forward .....	\$4957 80	
Mrs. A. Stewart.....	67 50	
" J. McMullen .....	90 00	
" G. N. Guy.....	135 00	
" A. Penn .....	90 00	
" Willie Hunter .....	30 00	
" G. W. Langhorne.....	90 00	
" J. A. Duncan.....	175 00	
Child of Rev. J. A. Duncan.....	36 00	
Mrs. D. F. Hodges.....	202 50	
Child of W. C. Blount .....	40 00	\$5,913 80
Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman .....		420 23
		<hr/> \$6,334 03

November, 1879.

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.**II—Bishop's Fund.*

Received from Preachers at Conference.....	\$1,358 51	
Paid Bishop Wightman's traveling expenses.....	\$ 20 00	
Paid Bishop Wightman.....	1,338 51	
	<hr/> \$1,358 51	

November, 1879.

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.**III—Educational Fund.*

Amount received from and reported by Preachers at Conference.....	\$2,009 44	
Vouchers received from Preachers.....	\$ 103 32	
Paid W. W. Bennett, President.....	1,906 12	
	<hr/> \$2,009 44	

November, 1879.

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

## JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE—CONTINUED.

## ASSESSMENTS FOR 1879-80.

DISTRICTS.	Conference Collections.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bishops' Fund.	Educational Fund.
Richmond.....	\$ 1000 00	\$ 750 00	\$ 933 00	\$ 213 00	\$ 375 00
Charlottesville.....	720 00	540 00	672 00	153 00	270 00
Lynchburg.....	880 00	660 00	822 00	187 00	330 00
Danville.....	640 00	480 00	597 00	136 00	240 00
Farmville.....	800 00	600 00	746 00	170 00	300 00
Petersburg.....	880 00	660 00	821 00	187 00	330 00
Murfreesboro.....	880 00	660 00	821 00	187 00	330 00
Norfolk.....	1000 00	750 00	933 00	212 00	375 00
Randolph Macon.....	640 00	480 00	597 00	136 00	240 00
Eastern Shore.....	560 00	420 00	522 00	119 00	210 00
Total.....	\$8000 00	\$ 6000 00	\$ 7464 00	\$ 1700 00	\$3000 00

ALEX. G. BROWN, Chairman.

O. LITTLETON, Assistant Secretary.

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1879.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
RICHMOND DISTRICT.....	LEROY M. LEE, P. E.....																
1. Trinity.....	Wm. E. Judkins.....	\$ 1 25	\$120 00	\$120 00	\$ 1,800 00	\$ 1,800 00		\$108 40	\$108 40	\$65 85		\$60 03		\$22 66	\$22 66	\$40 65	\$40 65
2. Broad Street.....	Wm. G. Starr.....	41 88	135 00	135 00	1,900 00	1,900 00		112 16	112 16	60 00		80 00		23 95	23 95	42 56	42 56
3. Centenary.....	Robert N. Sledd.....	3 75	131 25	131 25	2,250 00	2,250 00		111 30	119 46	76 56	43 41	181 49		23 35	23 35	41 98	41 98
4. Park Place.....	John E. Edwards.....		37 50	37 50	1,500 00	1,500 00		29 76	29 76	13 00	5 27	13 00	5 00	6 30	6 30	11 19	11 19
5. Clay Street.....	Alexander G. Brown.....		82 40	82 40	2,000 00	2,000 00		67 00	75 63	15 00	15 00	20 00	28 88	14 35	14 35	24 26	24 26
6. Laurel Street.....	George M. Wright.....		15 00	15 00	600 00	600 00		12 50	12 50		6 00			2 74	2 74	4 61	4 61
7. Union Station.....	Joseph A. Proctor.....		80 25	80 25	1,400 00	1,400 00		52 50	52 50	40 00		50 00		11 90	11 90	19 82	19 82
8. Nicholson Street.....	James W. Connelly.....		9 00		480 00	327 00	162 00	7 42	1 61					1 55	1 39	2 78	
9. German Chapel.....	Geo. H. Zimmerman.....		3 75		100 00	81 00	22 75	3 11									
10. Manchester and Fifth Street.	George C. Vanderslice...	32 00	56 25	56 25	1,200 00	1,200 00		46 44	50 00	66 71	7 04	50 00	12 75	9 59	10 00	17 43	18 00
11. { Henrico.....	David M. Wallace.....		55 50	51 30	650 00	566 20	88 00	34 71	31 01	11 15	4 70	10 00	32 34	7 50	3 50	12 60	12 60
12. { Charles City.....	Lewis B. Betty.....		52 00	52 00	375 00	375 00		37 48	38 00	35 00		30 00		8 29	8 29	14 60	15 00
13. { New Kent.....	Wm. P. Wright.....		45 00	45 00	500 00	500 00		37 00	33 40	11 00		11 00		8 00	7 35	12 00	9 20
14. { West New Kent.....	George W. Wray.....		17 75	17 75	350 00	300 00	50 00	15 00	17 22	15 50		15 50		3 70	3 80	7 51	8 00
15. { Williamsburg.....	Herbert T. Bacon.....		7 50	7 50	244 35	244 35		6 20	6 20	30 00		13 15		1 30	1 30	2 30	2 30
16. { Jamestown.....	R. H. Mullen.....		7 50	7 50	250 00	250 00		6 22	6 22	3 14		3 15		1 30	1 30	2 30	2 30
17. Gloucester.....	{ George E. Booker.....				850 00	700 94											
	{ Spottsw'd H. Johnson	14 50	172 17	138 82	150 00	122 98	209 43	140 00	52 00	38 00		5 00	6 26	30 00	30 00	53 15	12 00
18. Matthews.....	Wesley C. Vaden.....		124 43	124 43	1,100 00	1,100 00		98 94	57 00	23 00		35 00		21 08	18 50	37 14	37 14
19. West Matthews.....	Charles H. Green.....	8 00	47 75	39 28	420 00	344 38	84 09		25 00	30 00		33 58			7 50		7 67
Totals for 1879.....		101 38	1,200 00	1,141 23	18,119 35	17,561 85	616 27	1,000 00	828 07	533 91	81 42	610 90	96 15	213 00	198 18	375 00	309 28
Totals for 1878.....		141 01	1,200 00	1,124 68	19,845 00	18,937 43	982 89	1,000 00	827 41	550 30	202 15	473 66	165 12	213 00	186 15	375 00	323 42
Increase.....				16 55					66			137 24			12 03		
Decrease.....		39 63			1,725 65	1,375 58	366 62			16 39	120 73		68 57				14 14

# RICHMOND DISTRICT CONTINUED.

MORAL ARGES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount during the Year for all Purposes	Average Amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															BAPTISMS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes.			MEMBERS			Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Incr.	Net Dec're.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conver- sions.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
						Local Preachers.	White.	Colored.					Profess'n of faith.	By Cer- tificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- morals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
nity.....	\$320 14	\$250 00	\$ 527 92	\$3,316 99	\$ 7 44	1	446	.....	446	477	....	31	17	7	24	5	40	10	...	55	6	11	1	50	300	10	900	1	\$45,000 00	...	.....	\$2,000 00
ad St....	337 78	.....	3,377 18	6 110 51	18 24	2	335	.....	335	315	20	.....	20	17	37	5	12	.....	...	17	12	4	1	32	180	15	665	1	50,000 00	...	.....	750 00
tenary...	412 23	.....	50 00	3,333 48	7 15	2	465	.....	465	450	15	.....	20	30	50	4	29	2	...	35	10	17	1	56	261	10	500	1	32,000 00	...	.....	3,500 00
k Place...	591 15	.....	449 93	2,662 10	12 80	...	208	.....	208	194	14	.....	25	13	38	7	12	5	.....	24	12	18	1	22	166	6	600	1	16,000 00	...	.....	.....
y St.....	178 01	.....	602 30	3,055 83	5 95	1	513	.....	513	509	4	.....	25	8	33	9	15	5	.....	29	10	14	2	55	388	26	705	1	12,000 00	...	.....	700 00
urel St...	153 41	.....	367 98	1,167 24	4 49	1	260	.....	260	237	23	.....	27	16	43	4	16	6	.....	20	13	14	1	20	150	5	200	1	2,000 00	...	.....	700 00
on Sta...	209 00	.....	431 68	2,295 15	6 10	3	376	.....	376	380	...	4	9	15	24	5	21	2	...	28	5	9	1	35	226	5	400	1	15,000 00	1	3,000 00	1,200 00
hol'n St.	19 00	.....	74 72	423 72	4 38	.....	97	...	97	98	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	...	2	.....	2	1	13	63	.....	90	1	1,000 00	...	.....	50 00
ui, Chap.	65 75	.....	102 03	248 78	6 72	.....	37	.....	37	41	.....	4	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	4	.....	3	1	7	67	.....	.....	.....	1	4,500 00	...	.....	.....
r & 5th St	271 00	.....	513 78	2,287 53	4 26	1	537	.....	537	450	87	.....	106	10	116	9	12	8	.....	29	65	20	2	48	285	35	458	1	10,000 00	1	1,750 00	650 00
rico.....	88 98	.....	341 47	1,153 25	3 03	.....	379	1	380	361	19	.....	27	2	29	4	4	1	1	10	12	9	4	51	303	10	678	3	3,500 00	1	575 00	235 00
as. City..	35 00	240 00	30 00	858 29	2 67	1	321	1	322	295	27	.....	31	3	34	5	2	.....	.....	7	32	10	4	35	225	20	800	4	6,500 00	...	.....	300 00
w Kent...	15 00	150 00	50 00	831 95	3 50	.....	236	2	238	233	5	.....	17	4	21	5	3	8	.....	16	13	14	3	46	163	20	470	4	3,600 00	...	.....	275 00
New Kt..	50 00	200 00	.....	627 77	2 79	.....	225	.....	225	200	25	.....	24	3	27	.....	.....	2	...	2	10	.....	4	20	100	10	150	4	2,400 00	...	.....	.....
nsburg...	18 40	.....	200 86	524 06	8 06	.....	65	.....	65	53	12	.....	8	5	13	1	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	1	7	50	4	125	1	3,000 00	...	.....	150 00
est'wn...	5 00	.....	28 25	306 86	3 01	.....	102	.....	102	166	.....	4	4	1	5	.....	7	2	.....	9	3	10	3	24	73	2	.....	3	1,600 00	...	.....	50 00
ueester..	140 00	600 00	30 00	1,890 50	2 03	.....	930	1	931	941	.....	10	33	6	39	7	38	4	.....	49	11	48	6	125	690	15	750	6	9,000 00	...	.....	200 00
thwards..	100 00	1,150 00	75 00	2,720 07	3 53	1	768	2	770	701	69	.....	87	.....	87	5	7	6	.....	18	20	12	5	72	451	6	150	4	6,000 00	1	1,200 00	250 00
Matthews	23 00	80 00	30 00	634 83	2 12	....	299	.....	299	303	.....	4	5	5	10	4	9	.....	1	14	2	25	2	30	183	3	125	2	2,000 00	...	.....	100 00
for 1879...	3,032 85	2,670 00	7,283 10	34,448 82	5 22	13	6,599	7	6,606	6,344	320	58	486	145	631	80	225	62	2	369	240	240	44	742	4,324	202	7,766	41	225,100 00	4	6,525 00	11,110 00
for 1878...	3 270 64	2,789 28	9,276 35	38,267 60	6 03	12	6,337	7	6,344	.....	.....	.....	526	461	987	79	475	103	...	657	246	237	45	677	4,069	.....	7,518	41	233,400 00	5	7,650 00	10,643 00
crease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	262	.....	.....	262	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	3	.....	65	225	.....	248	.....	.....	.....	.....	467 00
crease.....	237 79	119 28	1,993 25	3,818 78	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	316	356	.....	250	41	.....	288	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,300 00	1	1,125 00	.....

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.....	J. D. BLACKWELL, P. E.																
1. Charlottesville.....	James W. Bledsoe.....		87 50	87 50	1000 00	1000 00		40 00	40 00		24 50		27 50	11 00	11 00	17 00	17 00
2. Albemarle.....	Francis M. Edwards.....	10 50	115 00	102 00	900 00	808 98	104 02	73 00	47 00	31 00		28 00		15 30	7 00	21 00	16 00
3. Louisa.....	Edgar H. Pritchett.....	6 50	138 00	124 71	810 00	741 67	81 62	86 40	26 05	12 60		18 35		18 36	4 47	32 40	4 65
4. Scottsville.....	Thomas A. Ware.....	3 00	63 25	54 68	500 00	430 28	78 29	40 00	30 00	7 00		25 91		11 00	9 00	17 00	12 50
5. Fluvanna.....	William E. Payne.....	7 00	80 50	70 00	600 00	545 85	64 65	50 20	27 00	8 00		12 00	6 00	10 71	7 50	18 90	9 00
6. Milton.....	Charles E. Wrenn.....		25 00	25 00	250 00	250 00											
7. Batesville.....	Richard Ferguson.....	14 00	126 50	95 75	700 00	552 44	178 31	79 10	45 42	4 63		24 00		16 83	6 00	29 72	20 19
8. Gordonsville and Orange.....	Herbert M. Hope.....	2 00	46 00	43 43	400 00	378 00	24 57	28 80	20 20	13 00		15 84		6 12	4 00	10 80	10 80
9. Orange Circuit.....	Joseph T. Mastin.....	2 00	31 00	31 00	212 00	212 00		19 30	9 42	7 00		14 61		4 12	4 12	7 26	6 29
10. Culpeper Station.....	John M. Burton.....	26 25	28 70	28 70	400 00	400 00		17 97	17 97	10 32	3 00	10 94	3 00	3 82	3 82	6 72	6 72
11. Culpeper Circuit.....	Edward G. Chandler.....	8 00	57 50	57 50	257 50	257 50		36 00	36 00	15 00		15 86		7 65	7 65	13 52	13 52
12. Rappahannock.....	James H. Crown.....	38 50	94 30	69 00	700 00	600 00	125 30	57 55	25 00	15 00		25 00		12 55	8 00	22 10	13 00
13. Woodville.....	John O. Moss.....				111 00	111 00						15 00					
14. Madison.....	Oscar Littleton.....	11 00	132 25	114 46	850 00	765 23	102 56	82 80	75 00	44 73		45 00		17 59	15 00	31 07	20 50
15. Robinson River.....	William A. Tompkins....	6 40	28 00	26 10	150 00	119 20	32 70	14 30	6 48	4 26		8 73		3 06	2 83	5 38	4 00
16. Greene.....	Robert W. Watts.....	11 50	126 50	101 00	875 00	621 03	279 47	79 10	42 90	30 00		30 00		16 83	16 00	29 72	12 00
17. Stony Point.....	A. B. Warwick.....		20 00	9 25	115 00	64 54	61 21										
18. Piedmont Mission.....	George W. Bailey.....			2 50		54 68											
19. Eley's Ford.....	Richard Stephens.....																
Totals for 1879.....		146 65	1200 00	1042 58	8830 50	7912 40	1132 70	720 00	447 54	202 54	27 50	289 24	36 50	153 00	106 39	2 70	166 17
Totals in 1878.....		294 00	1025 00	901 73	8671 50	7625 85	1168 90	720 00	440 77	261 41	4 00	290 33	16 50	153 00	114 38	2 70	199 87
Increase.....			175 00	140 85	159 00	286 55			6 77		23 50		20 00				
Decrease.....		147 35					36 20			58 87		1 09			7 99		33 70



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TOTAL REGES.	MONEY RAISED					MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	For S School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.	Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	Average amount Raised per Member.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Inc'r.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Total Losses.	Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Convers'ns.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of Faith.	By Cer- tificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals.	Expul- sions.	No.									Value.	No.	Value.		
Charlotte'sle	260 00	210 00		1677 50	7 32	....	232	....	232	250	....	18	16	9	25	4	39	....	....	43	13	3	1	27	200	8	600	1	8000 00	1	3000 00	600 00	
Demarle...	23 00	.....	49 00	1122 48	2 62	1	428	1	429	465	....	36	23	3	26	7	34	21	....	62	10	6	7	45	310	1	100	6	3800 00	1	1000 00	100 00	
Lisa.....	34 25	803 15	1031 71	2808 11	3 92	2	712	5	717	677	40	....	44	2	46	4	1	1	....	6	36	2	9	53	431	5	250	8	12300 00	1	2000 00	480 00	
ttsville...	15 00	105 00	9 00	701 37	1 29	2	544	....	544	566	....	22	12	3	15	8	24	5	....	37	12	8	9	60	375	10	790	7	4500 00	...	.....	.....	
avanna...	42 21	50 00	97 42	881 98	1 76	1	497	3	500	612	....	112	24	3	27	5	90	44	....	139	18	5	5	38	250	5	600	6	4100 00	1	800 00	260 00	
ton.....	50 00	400 00	40 00	765 00	1 91	1	400	....	400	.....	400	....	250	154	404	3	1	....	....	4	200	15	5	75	300	250	175	5	2500 00	...	.....	.....	
esville....	12 00	115 73	201 44	1091 60	2 48	....	433	8	441	473	....	32	16	12	28	11	46	2	1	60	8	4	5	35	200	3	600	5	5000 00	1	1000 00	200 00	
ville&Or.	95 00	52 00	132 19	766 46	5 51	....	139	....	139	126	13	....	14	6	20	1	6	....	....	7	9	4	2	18	135	4	400	2	7200 00	...	.....	375 00	
ange Cir..	6 70	.....	20 00	313 14	1 45	1	216	....	216	204	12	....	20	5	25	....	12	1	....	13	9	....	4	36	126	7	600	4	4000 00	...	.....	.....	
p'r Sta....	30 00	5 00	92 78	638 50	7 42	....	86	....	86	82	4	....	6	3	9	2	3	....	....	5	4	1	1	9	50	1	135	1	1500 00	...	.....	125 10	
p'r Cir....	25 79	.....	61 44	498 26	1 67	1	298	....	298	309	....	11	52	15	67	4	61	2	11	78	32	4	4	33	173	12	373	2	1500 00	...	.....	100 00	
ppaha'k...	20 00	.....	75 00	888 50	2 80	1	315	2	317	323	....	6	13	3	16	4	8	10	....	22	12	....	4	35	130	10	350	4	5000 00	1	700 00	.....	
odville...	1 55	25 00	.....	152 55	1 76	....	87	....	87	176	....	89	23	....	23	1	105	....	6	112	15	12	2	12	43	2	200	1	1000 00	...	.....	.....	
dison... ..	120 00	30 00	54 00	1994 92	5 29	....	377	....	377	370	7	....	13	5	18	4	6	1	....	11	11	2	5	65	287	1	350	7	7500 00	1	1500 00	.....	
b'r Riv'r.	4 00	10 83	2 15	194 98	1 08	....	177	3	180	280	....	100	13	55	68	2	158	8	....	168	10	....	4	29	140	6	90	5	1400 00	...	.....	.....	
ene.....	20 00	75 00	192 25	1150 78	2 29	1	500	3	503	520	....	17	15	2	17	6	26	2	....	34	7	....	8	25	315	6	500	8	5000 00	1	800 00	150 00	
ny Point.	.....	.....	.....	73 79	1 12	....	66	....	66	100	....	34	1	....	1	1	34	....	....	35	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	
mont Mis.	5 00	.....	.....	62 18	20	2	312	....	312	.....	312	....	60	255	315	....	....	3	....	3	60	1	2	10	60	10	.....	1	150 00	.....	.....	.....	
's Ford...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	12	....	12	28	....	16	....	....	....	....	16	....	....	16	....	....	1	4	25	....	60	1	300 00	...	.....	.....	
	764 50	2581 71	2058 38	15782 10	2 69	13	5831	25	5856	5561	788	493	615	535	1150	67	654	116	18	855	467	67	78	609	3550	341	6173	74	74700 00	8	10800 00	2590 10	
is in 1878..	672 76	2114 85	2376 04	15312 51	2 75	17	5484	77	5561	5561	....	...	665	367	1032	62	455	55	6	578	448	53	72	528	3424	....	5840	69	71450 00	7	8000 00	6143 33	
ease.....	91 74	466 86	.....	469 59	.....	....	653	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	168	18	5	199	61	12	277	19	14	6	81	126	....	333	5	3250 00	1	2800 00	.....	
ase.....	.....	.....	317 66	.....	06	4	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3553 28	

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			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		DOMESTIC.			FOREIGN.							
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT .....	DAVIS P. WILLS, P. E.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
1. Centenary.....	Joshua S. Hunter. ....	.....	\$150 00	\$150 00	\$ 1,600 00	\$ 1,600 00	.....	\$ 91 67	\$ 91 67	\$70 83	.....	\$57 08	13 75	\$19 48	\$19 48	\$34 37	\$34 37
2. Court Street.....	Adam C. Bledsoe.....	\$10 00	210 00	210 00	2,200 00	2,200 00	.....	122 23	125 00	100 23	.....	100 00	.....	25 97	25 97	45 84	45 84
3. Madison and Danel's Hill ..	John Bayley.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	211 00	89 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 92	10 72	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. Amherst.....	John T. Moore.....	9 50	90 00	65 79	578 00	422 57	179 64	55 00	35 00	26 93	.....	42 50	.....	11 69	7 48	20 62	12 84
5. West Amherst.....	Wilbur F. Robins.....	.....	85 00	85 00	600 00	600 00	.....	51 25	30 50	19 65	3 35	19 65	3 35	10 04	7 00	19 48	12 00
6. Mount Pleasant.....	John H. Kabler. ....	.....	75 00	69 92	425 00	396 15	33 93	45 84	14 25	22 30	.....	22 30	.....	9 74	6 25	17 18	6 90
7. Bedford.....	{ Wm. F. Bain.....	6 65	125 00	88 19	1,000 00	749 92	331 06	76 39	38 55	30 00	.....	53 00	.....	16 24	8 24	28 64	14 32
	{ E. D. De Witt, Helper .....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	105 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. South Bedford.....	{ Milton F. Bishop.....	.....	50 00	28 62	500 00	314 52	247 11	30 55	13 16	10 00	.....	15 00	.....	6 50	4 50	11 46	7 00
	{ A. D. Bradshaw, Help'r .....	.....	.....	.....	110 00	69 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9. Jackson .....	Wm. A. Laughon.....	.....	25 00	25 00	275 00	275 00	.....	15 28	5 00	5 00	.....	4 50	.....	3 25	1 00	5 75	1 00
10. Liberty.....	John N. Jones.....	15 00	40 00	37 38	735 00	701 00	36 62	30 65	16 92	12 15	2 50	12 15	2 50	6 50	4 58	11 46	7 34
11. Bedford Springs.....	Charles E. Watts.....	.....	100 00	80 04	700 00	560 30	159 66	61 11	61 11	47 22	.....	47 22	3 58	12 98	12 98	22 92	22 92
12. Nelson .....	Werter H. Gregory.....	.....	75 00	67 00	575 00	519 80	63 20	45 84	45 84	15 50	.....	15 00	.....	9 74	9 74	17 18	17 18
13. Appomattox.....	Travis I. Taylor.....	.....	100 00	100 00	700 85	700 85	.....	61 11	25 00	8 00	.....	20 00	.....	12 98	6 55	22 92	8 00
14. Campbell.....	James O. Moss .....	31 00	100 00	100 00	850 00	850 00	.....	61 11	20 66	47 22	.....	47 22	.....	12 98	5 00	22 92	17 50
15. South Campbell.....	Nathan B. Foushee. ....	.....	40 00	38 00	200 00	190 00	12 00	25 14	6 15	6 25	.....	6 31	.....	5 19	4 50	9 16	5 00
16. Buckingham.....	John W. Howard.....	.....	75 00	48 40	500 00	322 60	204 00	45 00	10 00	10 57	.....	10 57	.....	9 74	3 00	19 48	1 71
17. Prospect.....	Henry C. Cheatham.....	25 00	100 00	71 88	900 00	746 96	181 16	61 11	35 00	23 00	.....	27 20	5 46	12 98	7 00	22 99	12 00
Totals for 1879.....	.....	97 15	1,440 00	1,265 22	12,898 85	11,536 25	1,587 38	880 00	573 81	454 85	5 85	508 62	39 3	187 00	133 27	330 00	225 92
Totals for 1878.....	.....	18 25	1,440 00	1,214 18	12,998 00	10,780 42	2,433 40	880 00	492 16	389 02	.....	390 63	26 30	187 00	119 02	3 00 00	193 34
Increase.....	.....	78 90	.....	51 04	.....	755 83	.....	.....	61 65	65 83	5 85	117 99	13 06	.....	14 25	.....	32 58
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 15	.....	896 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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LOCAL CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	Average amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	For S School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Inc'r.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Convers'ns.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property
							White.	Colored.					Profess'ns of Faith.	By Cer- tificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- draws.	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
enary...	100 00	.....	1173 46	3310 64	8 58	2	390	.....	390	366	24	.....	42	25	67	6	33	4	.....	43	19	3	1	25	223	13	460	1	17000 00	1	5400 00	560 00
t St.....	164 35	300 00	2419 37	5700 76	11 40	.....	500	..	500	496	4	.....	4	18	22	8	9	1	.....	18	.....	14	1	33	250	....	400	1	25000 00	1	6000 00	4000 00
&D.Hill	29 70	245 60	35 00	540 34	3 31	.....	163	.....	163	150	13	.....	20	3	23	2	5	3	.....	10	10	3	2	29	215	17	170	2	2000 00	...	.....	400 00
erst.....	73 00	650 85	30 50	1376 96	4 39	1	313	.....	313	250	63	.....	66	15	81	6	11	1	.....	18	40	2	5	37	219	10	300	4	3500 00	1	1000 00	350 00
Amherst	26 27	72 80	36 54	916 11	2 25	1	406	.....	406	320	86	.....	94	1	95	9	.....	.....	.....	9	51	10	7	40	400	10	120	5	3500 00	...	.....	175 00
Pleasant.	84 98	10 00	16 50	649 55	1 83	2	355	.....	355	327	28	.....	47	9	56	2	24	2	.....	28	37	5	6	79	491	30	396	6	4100 00	...	.....	35 00
ord.....	51 00	87 90	59 55	1293 15	1 86	3	691	3	694	615	79	.....	12	106	118	14	17	8	.....	39	12	26	5	72	491	4	364	5	6500 00	1	2500 00	2100 00
edford...	40 00	400 00	50 00	952 55	1 23	4	764	10	774	757	17	.....	40	1	41	10	12	1	1	24	35	4	12	88	500	30	1000	11	4500 00	1	800 00	20 00
son .....	1 81	14 50	13 39	346 20	1 40	2	246	.....	246	215	31	.....	43	2	45	1	11	2	.....	14	27	9	3	27	105	12	75	1	700 00	...	.....	.....
erty .....	22 89	.....	188 52	1022 93	8 04	.....	127	.....	127	133	.....	6	6	2	8	1	12	1	.....	14	2	2	1	16	114	4	212	1	2500 00	...	.....	400 00
Spr'gs...	43 00	28 00	40 00	946 37	2 95	.....	320	.....	320	305	15	.....	30	5	35	2	12	6	.....	20	21	3	6	71	294	18	418	5	5600 00	...	.....	175 00
on.....	80 00	25 00	285 00	1080 06	2 96	1	365	.....	365	358	7	.....	32	5	37	5	25	.....	.....	30	16	1	5	45	270	3	440	6	4000 00	...	.....	100 00
omattox	60 00	.....	60 00	988 40	1 88	3	521	2	523	513	10	.....	25	6	31	4	10	7	.....	21	9	4	7	88	362	5	300	8	6000 00	1	1000 00	150 00
pbell.....	18 43	125 35	62 96	1325 34	2 80	.....	473	.....	473	613	.....	158	20	1	21	4	175	.....	.....	179	10	4	8	69	281	5	500	7	5000 00	1	1350 00	1000 00
mpbell..	14 00	172 00	2 00	444 21	3 04	.....	146	.....	146	128	18	.....	24	3	27	3	5	1	.....	9	13	2	3	24	120	8	125	2	1000 00	..	.....	200 00
king'am.	5 00	226 28	1 25	639 38	1 33	1	479	.....	479	493	.....	14	8	.....	8	10	10	2	.....	22	3	2	6	47	148	12	112	7	4150 00	1	500 00	75 00
pect.....	79 36	53 90	123 10	1209 86	2 81	2	466	.....	466	470	.....	4	12	8	20	2	10	12	.....	24	4	2	5	69	294	10	164	5	4500 00	1	1200 00	.....
	893 79	2411 58	4597 14	22742 81	3 22	22	6725	15	6740	6527	213	.....	525	210	735	89	381	51	1	522	309	96	83	859	4 777	191	5556	77	99,550 00	9	19750 00	9740 00
in 1878..	999 50	2905 50	3616 42	21144 74	3 23	22	6513	14	6527	.....	256	.....	560	207	767	59	363	77	12	511	362	81	74	714	4179	.....	6718	77	97,600 00	8	18750 00	11147 00
ase.....	.....	.....	980 72	1598 07	.....	.....	212	1	213	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	30	18	.....	.....	11	.....	15	9	145	598	.....	.....	.....	1950 00	1	1000 00	.....
ase .....	105 71	493 92	.....	.....	01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	35	.....	32	.....	.....	26	11	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1162	.....	.....	.....	.....	1407 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
DANVILLE DISTRICT.....	JAS. M. ANDERSON, P. E.																
1. Main Street.....	Peter A. Peterson.....		\$165 00	\$165 00	\$2200 00	\$2200 00		\$38 00	\$47 00	\$78 00	\$15 75	\$56 05	\$11 31	\$8 96	\$12 55	\$14 70	\$19 00
2. Lynn St. and North Danville	Robert A. Compton.....		145 00	145 00	1500 00	1500 00		37 00	60 00	55 00		40 00		8 35	10 00	13 38	25 00
3. Charlotte.....	{ William B. Rowzie.....		135 00	76 04	500 00	281 64	\$277 32	48 00	38 31	1 37		1 13		10 94	8 72	17 36	13 50
	{ Esmond A. Gibbs.....																
4. West Charlotte.....	Jacob N. Rosser.....		82 00	49 75	300 00	158 72	173 53	21 00	12 21	9 65		9 82		4 39	2 55	8 10	4 70
5. South Boston.....	John W. Crider.....		89 00	58 00	600 00	500 00	131 00	22 00	14 00	12 00		10 00		7 00	5 00	18 50	10 00
6. South of Dan.....	Benjamin S. Herring.....		70 00	43 00	400 00	244 25	182 75	25 00	9 00	12 00		15 25		7 00	3 60	12 00	6 75
7. Chatham.....	Nathaniel J. Pruden.....		80 50	80 50	250 00	250 00		21 78	21 78	15 00		20 13		4 53	4 53	7 84	7 84
8. Pittsylvania ....	John D. Southall.....	25 00	111 00	66 75	675 00	421 02	298 23	46 24	29 70	20 33		21 75		9 38	7 95	16 79	8 55
9. North Pittsylvania.....	William T. Green.....	10 00	80 42	54 00	250 00	169 00	107 42	53 00	20 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 66	3 00	19 38	5 00
10. Northwest Pittsylvania.....	R. A. Lee.....				100 00	100 00											
11. Franklin.....	Henry C. Bowles.....	22 50	127 30	64 10	527 50	336 96	253 74	61 00	13 00	32 88				12 48		23 04	
12. West Franklin.....	Thomas P. Duke.....	20 00	39 40	13 20	150 00	50 30	125 90	16 00	2 65	2 60		2 75		3 41	50	9 90	75
13. East Franklin.....	R. H. Younger.....		96 84	61 50	258 16	164 03	129 47	51 00	3 50	2 55		2 45		10 72	2 68	18 76	2 80
14. Henry.....	John W. Tucker.....		124 54	57 71	700 00	456 34	310 49	51 00	6 86	5 00			6 25	10 72	4 00	18 00	4 75
15. Patrick.....	John E. Deshazo.....	15 00	81 14	81 14	404 00	404 00		24 00	24 00	18 00		19 48		5 07	5 07	9 36	9 36
16. South Patrick.....	D. J. Traynham.....	11 60	41 00	17 00	300 00	83 00	241 00			5 00							
17. Halifax.....	James E. Gates.....	32 88	86 86	59 36	600 00	416 42	211 08		11 40	6 40		8 25	1 01	10 00	2 65	17 00	3 65
18. East Halifax.....	Robert B. Blankenship..	5 50	45 00	34 08	200 00	151 47	59 45	23 00	10 93	5 65		4 69		5 30	4 36	8 00	95
Totals for 1879.....		142 48	1600 00	1126 13	9914 66	7887 15	2501 38	640 00	324 34	287 43	20 75	217 75	23 57	136 00	76 56	240 00	122 60
Totals in 1878.....		211 35	1500 00	1031 40	10,221 00	7844 45	2845 15	640 00	267 92	281 57	32 96	180 46	22 80	136 00	72 98	240 00	110 70
Increase.....			100 00	94 73		42 70			56 42	5 86		37 29	77		3 58		11 90
Decrease.....		68 87			306 34		343 77				12 21						

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LOCAL CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes	Average Amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														BAPT'IMS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes.			MEMBERS.			Total Members this year.	Total Members rep'd last year.	Net Incr.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON-AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
						Local Preachers.	White.	Colored.					Profess'n of faith.	By Certificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Removals.	Withdrawals.	Expulsions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
Street.	\$162 00	\$300 00	\$ 617 00	\$3,683 66	\$13 11	1	283	.....	283	275	8	.....	13	15	28	2	17	1	....	20	12	10	1	34	175	9	70	1	\$21,000 00	1	\$5,000 00	\$ 500 00
Street.	175 74	.....	511 06	2,521 80	10 59	...	238	.....	238	233	5	.....	4	9	13	..	8	.....	....	8	3	.....	1	21	223	1	400	2	15,000 00	...	.....	2,000 00
lotte....	.....	200 00	.....	620 71	2 74	2	226	.....	226	242	.....	16	3	1	4	3	15	1	1	20	.....	4	4	28	169	.....	500	4	3,500 00	...	.....	.....
Charlotte	4 20	36 00	18 10	305 70	1 61	1	188	2	190	172	18	.....	26	4	30	5	4	3	.....	12	14	.....	4	25	123	11	196	4	2,000 00	...	.....	.....
oston....	60 00	.....	110 00	779 00	2 42	1	320	1	321	.....	321	.....	58	268	326	.....	5	.....	.....	5	45	4	5	27	253	.....	200	4	4,500 00	1	1,200 00	.....
Dan. ...	15 00	628 70	6 00	982 95	4 46	1	220	....	220	471	...	251	21	10	31	2	280	.....	.....	282	20	....	3	26	160	15	80	3	2,028 00	...	.....	40 00
ham....	10 31	234 00	10 00	654 09	2 41	1	271	.....	271	223	48	.....	48	25	73	2	5	18	.....	25	48	6	4	17	200	10	300	4	5,000 00	...	.....	100 00
ylvania	25 80	250 00	25 00	901 85	2 87	1	308	6	314	360	.....	46	.....	1	1	6	36	5	.....	47	.....	.....	2	22	120	1	30	5	3,000 00	1	600 00	.....
Pittsylv'a.	23 00	275 00	.....	581 00	2 07	2	280	.....	280	364	.....	84	4	8	12	2	94	.....	.....	96	.....	.....	5	38	300	.....	200	4	2,500 00	...	.....	100 00
W. Pitts'a	25 00	175 00	.....	300 00	3 00	.....	100	.....	100	.....	100	.....	35	66	101	.....	1	.....	.....	1	16	.....	4	25	200	35	50	2	1,000 00	...	.....	.....
aklin....	32 84	118 30	28 29	648 87	1 85	.....	349	1	350	355	.....	5	2	7	9	1	11	2	.....	14	1	.....	3	29	144	1	425	5	4,725 00	1	950 00	200 00
Franklin	6 42	.....	50	99 67	53	1	186	.....	186	174	12	.....	12	7	19	2	3	2	.....	7	14	2	6	51	275	7	165	4	900 00	...	.....	.....
Franklin.	.....	.....	1 00	240 51	71	1	334	4	338	324	14	.....	25	2	27	4	7	2	.....	13	25	1	5	25	175	25	30	8	1,800 00	...	.....	.....
ry. ....	30 00	45 00	20 00	635 91	2 05	1	310	.....	310	288	22	.....	55	4	59	3	32	2	...	37	41	.....	7	68	420	19	770	5	3,500 00	1	1,200 00	60 00
ick.....	130 40	380 80	14 10	1,101 35	4 98	.....	209	12	221	218	3	.....	13	3	16	3	9	1	.....	13	13	1	6	44	293	.....	412	5	4,500 00	...	.....	375 00
Patrick...	25 00	.....	5 00	146 60	42	1	339	9	349	317	31	.....	35	.....	35	.....	1	.....	3	4	21	.....	10	61	349	15	100	7	600 00	...	.....	75 00
fax.....	18 82	478 88	.....	1,039 72	3 43	.....	303	.....	303	438	.....	135	16	.....	16	3	147	1	...	151	5	1	5	49	225	5	293	3	1,500 00	1	1,500 00	.....
Halifax...	.....	260 00	.....	477 63	3 78	.....	126	.....	126	.....	126	.....	5	121	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	900 00	...	.....	.....
or 1879 ..	744 53	3,381 68	1,366 05	15,721 02	3 39	14	4,590	35	4,625	4,454	171	.....	375	551	926	38	675	38	4	755	281	29	75	590	3,804	154	3,821	73	77,953 00	6	10,450 00	3,450 00
or 1878...	678 41	4,735 00	1,564 25	17,034 25	3 82	11	4,423	31	4,454	4,454	251	.....	505	115	620	26	290	40	13	369	333	53	68	558	3,585	.....	4,216	68	75,625 00	6	10,700 00	3,915 00
ease.....	66 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	167	4	171	.....	.....	.....	.....	436	306	12	385	.....	.....	386	.....	.....	7	32	219	.....	.....	5	2,328 00	...	.....	.....
ease.....	.....	1,353 32	198 20	1,313 23	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	80	.....	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	9	.....	52	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	395	...	.....	250 00	465 00	

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1879.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....	E. M. PETERSON, P. E.....																
1. Farmville.....	James F. Twitty.....		\$120 00	\$120 00	\$1,150 00	\$1,150 00		\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$50 67	\$9 33	\$32 58	\$9 32	\$13 00	\$13 00	\$22 00	\$22 00
2. Prince Edward.....	James R. Waggener.....		80 00	49 00	500 00	293 10	237 90	43 00	13 00	8 00		8 00		9 00	5 00	16 50	10 00
3. Burkeville.....	Willie O. Waggener.....		40 00	23 08	350 00	197 92	169 00	22 00	12 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	3 50	8 25	5 50
4. Lunenburg.....	Thomas M. Beckham.....	19 66	130 00	87 29	700 00	480 19	262 52	76 00	16 40	11 50		90 00		16 50	6 13	28 00	11 25
5. West Lunenburg.....	Richard B. Scott.....				250 00	190 00	60 00					9 00	1 00				
6. Boydton.....	Peter F. August.....	12 91	50 00	50 00	450 00	450 00		25 00	25 00	25 00		22 50		6 00	6 00	11 00	11 00
7. Boydton Circuit.....	W. R. Smithey.....		80 00	76 90	320 00	307 93	15 17	53 00	35 00	35 00		35 00		11 25	10 30	20 00	5 00
8. Clarksville.....	James Jamieson.....		25 00	15 00	200 00	107 00	103 00	20 00	11 00		10 00	11 00		4 00	3 00	7 00	6 00
9. Mecklenburg.....	Thomas H. Boggs.....	13 90	170 00	170 00	775 00	775 00		92 00	95 00	100 00		250 44		20 00	20 00	34 25	34 66
10. Brunswick.....	John M. Saunders.....	5 00	80 00	80 00	700 00	700 00		50 00	40 00	20 00		20 00		11 00	10 00	15 00	10 00
11. West Brunswick.....	James T. Lumpkin.....	45 20	80 00	72 00	516 00	464 00	60 00	49 00	49 00	23 00		55 19	6 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
12. South Brunswick.....	William H. Atwill.....		110 00	110 00	670 00	670 00		53 00	53 00	40 50		50 00		11 25	11 25	20 00	20 00
13. Nottoway.....	James C. Reed.....		145 00	119 19	850 00	725 45	150 36	80 00	50 00	80 00		85 25	45 43	17 50	14 00	30 00	10 31
14. Amelia.....	James W. Blincoe.....		105 00	91 48	800 00	696 94	116 58	62 00	62 00	20 00		31 32	3 18	13 50	10 00	23 50	23 50
15. Cumberland.....	Charles H. Boggs.....		105 00	81 34	600 00	464 80	158 86	63 00	32 00			30 00		13 50	12 00		18 00
16. Cartersville.....	Charles D. Crawley.....	18 00	100 00	78 93	600 00	473 57	147 50	48 00	20 00	30 00		44 00		10 00	5 00	18 00	8 75
17. Dennisville Mission.....	No report.....																
Totals for 1879.....		114 67	1,420 00	1,224 21	9,431 00	8,145 90	1,480 89	810 00	573 40	448 67	29 33	779 28	74 93	170 00	139 18	300 00	205 97
Totals for 1878.....		326 85	1,503 00	1,297 47	9,820 00	8,478 64	1,546 89	800 00	567 27	400 31	47 58	521 67	118 59	170 00	130 90	300 00	232 13
Increase.....									6 13	48 36		257 61			8 28		
Decrease.....		212 18	83 00	73 26	391 00	332 74	66 00				18 25		43 66				26 16



# FARMVILLE DISTRICT—Continued.

LOCAL CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes	Average Amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Incr.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conver- sions.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.	
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of faith.	By Cer- tificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- draws.	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
ville...	\$18 78	.....	\$504 37	\$1,990 05	\$15 92	1	124	1	125	135	.....	10	1	6	7	1	16	.....	.....	17	1	2	1	18	90	.....	300	1	\$6,000 00	2	\$5,000 00		\$ 500 00
ward..	15 00	\$10 00	75 00	486 10	2 28	..	210	3	213	208	5	.....	10	1	11	4	2	.....	.....	6	8	17	2	25	102	5	351	3	3,600 00	...	.....		175 00
ville...	10 00	17 00	25 00	324 00	1 62	3	196	3	199	187	12	.....	11	6	17	2	.....	3	.....	5	11	17	3	17	155	4	100	2	2,000 00	...	.....		80 00
burg..	27 50	500 00	25 00	1,274 92	2 12	.....	592	1	593	571	22	.....	65	2	67	5	33	6	1	45	42	33	6	57	259	23	525	6	5,000 00	1	1,000 00		50 00
benb'g	13 00	174 61	.....	387 61	2 55	.....	152	.....	152		73	.....	33	44	77	2	.....	2	.....	4	17	15	4	27	120	27	120	3	2,400 00	...	.....		.....
on.....	35 00	60 00	34 00	731 41	9 61	.....	75	1	76	67	9	.....	4	10	14	.....	4	1	.....	5	3	2	1	12	65	1	200	1	3,000 00	...	.....		300 00
on Cir.	30 00	54 00	.....	589 13	2 04	1	285	3	288	266	22	.....	32	14	46	6	14	4	.....	24	20	2	6	45	225	11	200	5	3,800 00	...	.....		.....
ville...	8 00	.....	.....	171 00	2 85	.....	60		60	53	7	.....	2	9	11	1	2	1	.....	4	.....	.....	1	7	43	2	250	1	2,500 00	...	.....		160 00
benb'g..	30 00	12 25	20 00	1,521 25	1 88	2	804	.....	804	763	41	.....	86	4	90	8	40	1	.....	49	35	11	9	86	406	.....	550	9	6,000 00	1	1,400 00		100 00
wick...	75 00	125 00	25 00	1,110 00	2 21	2	500	1	501	546	.....	45	6	.....	6	10	35	2	4	51	2	5	9	67	400	.....	800	8	6,500 00	1	1,600 00		250 00
uns'k..	39 50	250 00	120 00	1,143 89	2 67	3	428	.....	428	472	.....	44	3	20	23	6	55	6	.....	67	3	5	5	38	248	.....	402	4	2,000 00	1	500 00		125 00
ns'k...	30 00	60 00	.....	1,044 75	1 67	2	623	.....	623	593	30	.....	40	2	42	6	1	5	.....	12	16	42	6	70	440	.....	700	7	4,000 00	...	.....		75 00
way....	104 57	15 00	135 73	1,384 93	2 67	2	517	.....	517	498	19	.....	44	3	47	3	25	.....	.....	28	13	19	5	52	276	15	250	5	5,000 00	1	1,400 00		260 00
.....	75 00	950 00	175 00	2,138 42	4 96	4	427	4	431	424	7	.....	34	5	39	8	22	2	...	32	20	15	8	65	368	21	222	7	7,500 00	1	1,500 00		500 00
erland	12 09	5 00 00	524 00	1,674 14	5 56	1	300	1	301	316	...	15	10	3	13	3	24	1	..	28	7	12	2	20	66	.....	150	2	2,500 00	1	600 00		600 00
sville..	74 25	37 80	178 75	969 05	4 19	.....	229	2	231	204	27	.....	47	3	50	2	16	5	...	23	28	11	4	28	157	23	300	4	4,000 00	1	460 00		160 00
sville..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1879...	597 60	2,765 66	1,841 85	16,940 65	3 05	21	5,522	20	5,542	5,407	135		428	132	560	67	289	39	5	425	226	208	72	639	3,420	132	5,420	68	65,800 00	10	13,460 00		3,335 00
1878 ..	796 00	2,163 98	921 50	16,002 89	2 96	16	5,391	16	5,407	5,407	403	.....	544	243	787	83	276	25	.....	384	266	335	79	660	3,499	.....	5,190	66	66,400 00	9	13,350 00		2,975 00
se .....	.....	601 68	920 35	937 76	09	5	131	4	135			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	14	5	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	2	.....	1	110 00		360 00
se.....	198 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	268	.....	116	111	227	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	127	7	21	79	.....	.....	.....	600 00	...	.....		.....

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# PETERSBURG DISTRICT—Continued.

CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	Average amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Members rep'd last year.	Net Inc'r.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Convers'ns.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON-AGES.		Value of all other Church Property
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of Faith.	By Cer-tificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re-movals.	With-drawals.	Expul-sions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
Abn St...	314 62	.....	1,938 84	5,356 68	9 45	2	567	.....	567	584	.....	17	14	35	49	11	45	10	.....	66	.....	16	1	55	315	31	800	1	25000 00	1	5000 00	3000 00
Abnford...	100 00	.....	207 53	553 96	10 86	.....	51	.....	51	53	.....	2	.....	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	3	.....	13	1	21	80	.....	400	1	750 00	.....	.....	200 00
Abn y Ch...	28 75	648 45	98 12	1,255 32	8 26	3	152	.....	152	156	.....	4	3	2	5	5	4	.....	.....	9	1	1	1	18	81	5	350	1	800 00	.....	.....	846 00
Abn t St ..	172 61	.....	868 61	3,919 77	9 85	1	337	.....	337	360	.....	23	7	7	14	3	34	.....	.....	37	.....	8	1	35	207	4	690	1	15000 00	1	2500 00	500 00
Abn Street.	171 22	130 60	434 93	2,379 15	5 32	1	447	.....	447	469	.....	22	8	3	11	5	23	5	.....	33	.....	20	3	73	399	3	780	2	10500 00	1	3000 00	300 00
Abn k.....	87 15	164 55	130 60	1,002 11	4 21	1	238	.....	238	191	47	.....	59	5	64	1	11	2	3	17	24	2	1	26	180	33	250	1	1500 00	.....	.....	.....
Abn rfield.	31 50	328 00	.....	918 56	2 31	2	397	1	398	491	.....	93	30	1	31	6	117	.....	1	124	17	7	6	48	268	20	365	7	3000 00	1	1000 00	150 00
Abn ca.....	64 00	22 98	54 04	519 97	4 06	.....	128	.....	128	.....	128	.....	28	114	142	4	7	3	.....	14	12	.....	1	20	150	50	300	1	500 00	.....	.....	.....
Abn ddie...	.....	.....	.....	468 71	1 31	.....	358	1	359	353	6	.....	15	5	20	3	5	6	.....	14	5	15	7	70	293	.....	320	8	4500 00	.....	.....	.....
Abn nw'ie..	38 35	60 00	15 00	868 38	2 63	.....	330	.....	330	234	.....	4	8	3	11	2	9	4	.....	15	1	21	5	52	245	7	365	6	10000 00	.....	.....	75 00
Abn k.....	.....	.....	160 45	1,366 95	2 18	6	626	.....	626	550	76	.....	85	2	87	4	2	5	.....	11	25	26	8	110	460	35	800	10	6000 00	.....	.....	320 00
Abn ford...	30 00	410 00	25 00	1,009 10	4 44	1	227	.....	227	227	.....	.....	.....	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	4	36	175	.....	120	4	2500 00	.....	.....	175 00
Abn orge...	79 30	400 00	.....	1,236 27	3 53	.....	349	1	350	370	.....	20	9	3	12	5	16	11	.....	32	6	12	6	60	201	5	445	6	4000 00	.....	.....	150 00
Abn .....	75 00	845 00	25 00	1,765 47	5 00	2	353	.....	353	358	.....	5	24	5	29	5	14	15	.....	34	18	4	9	75	293	8	535	8	5075 00	.....	.....	150 00
Abn eld .....	10 00	600 00	.....	801 84	3 88	.....	206	.....	206	211	.....	5	17	4	21	3	19	3	1	26	12	1	3	22	95	20	.....	4	2500 00	.....	.....	150 00
Abn r Hill.	67 51	30 75	21 23	397 55	2 29	2	173	.....	173	189	.....	16	2	5	7	2	14	5	2	23	4	6	3	43	160	1	342	4	2600 00	.....	.....	.....
Abn ld Mis	18 54	.....	.....	87 80	1 06	.....	63	18	81	54	27	.....	7	21	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	5	4	9	15	95	5	60	2	500 00	.....	.....	.....
Abn .....	1,288 55	3,639 73	3,979 35	23,907 59	4 56	21	4,996	21	5,002	4,947	55	.....	316	219	535	65	321	69	7	462	130	159	69	779	3,697	225	6,922	67	94,725 00	4	11500 00	6016 00
Abn n 1878..	1,403 53	860 15	4,306 32	21,044 25	4 25	23	4,947	3	4,950	4,947	191	.....	490	206	696	66	296	132	11	505	210	107	67	716	3,741	.....	7,147	67	100,350 00	4	11500 00	4700 00
Abn e.....	.....	2,779 58	.....	2,863 34	31	.....	49	18	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	2	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1316 00	
Abn se .....	114 98	.....	326 97	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	136	.....	174	.....	161	1	.....	63	4	43	80	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	225	.....	5,625 00	.....	.....	.....

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1879.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.					
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S Sch'ls.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.....	B. F. WOODWARD, P. E.....																
1. Murfreesboro and Winton....	John B. Dey.....		\$139 00	\$117 55	\$660 00	\$508 75	\$112 70	\$ 70 00	\$ 40 00	\$30 00		\$30 00		\$ 8 00	\$ 7 27	\$15 00	\$10 00
2. Northampton.....	John Q. Rhodes.....		130 00	112 61	700 00	606 40	110 99	90 00	65 00	48 00		47 00	\$8 00	20 00	15 00	35 00	25 00
3. Meherrin.....	Benjamin F. Tennille....		70 00	59 66	600 00	511 14	99 20	50 00	50 00	40 00		40 00		10 00	10 00	20 00	15 00
4 Bertie.....	R. N. Crooks.....		130 00	130 00	775 00	775 00		75 00	32 10	25 00	\$5 00	23 30	5 00	17 00	17 10	35 00	7 50
5. Hertford .....	Joseph H. Amiss.....	48 00	150 00	124 40	1,000 00	837 26	188 34	90 00	31 50	15 00		14 00		20 00	10 00	40 00	4 43
6. Edenton.....	B. W Daugherty.....		30 00	17 18	500 00	286 41	226 41	5 00	3 80	5 00		5 00		5 00	1 97		55
7. Pasquotank.....	Alfred Wiles.....	36 00	75 00	53 07	800 00	580 80	241 13	50 00	30 25	10 25		20 55		14 00	7 00	18 00	9 00
8. Elizabeth City.....	Franklin C. Woodward.....		80 00	80 00	835 00	825 00		60 00	60 00	35 00			150 00	12 00	12 00	15 00	15 00
9. Suffolk.....	James C. Martin.....	2 60	66 00	66 00	800 00	800 00		50 00	50 00	45 00		10 03	47 60	12 00	12 00	17 00	17 00
10. Gates.....	{ Thos. H. Campbell.....		175 00	151 00	800 00	727 14	150 36	100 00	95 00	20 00		52 94	2 50	22 00	20 00	43 00	17 00
	{ T. O. Edwards.....				250 00	196 50											
11. Southampton.....	John P. Woodward.....	5 00	85 00	75 85	600 00	515 05	94 10	60 00	24 00	20 00		20 00		12 00	8 00	22 00	8 00
12 North Southampton....	Thomas L. Williams.....		85 00	83 00	800 00	782 75	19 25	60 00	25 00	20 00		23 00		12 00	12 00	22 00	10 00
13. Chuckatuck.....	William E. Allen.....		60 00	36 57	600 00	365 70	257 73	35 00	21 00	10 50	6 50	10 00	6 00	8 00	6 00	15 00	12 00
14. Camden .....	William P. Jordan.....		80 00	44 42	520 00	288 77	266 81	60 00	27 00	9 00		40 00		12 00	6 50	21 00	4 50
15. Dare.....	R. O. Payne.....		45 00	32 00	330 00	236 91	106 09	15 00	11 70	7 77		7 77		5 00	3 88	5 00	3 88
16. Bertie Mission.....																	
Totals for 1879.....		91 60	1,400 00	1,183 31	10,510 00	8,853 58	1,873 11	880 00	566 35	340 52	11 50	343 59	218 10	187 00	148 72	330 00	158 86
Totals for 1878.....		102 15	1,600 00	1,190 69	11,311 00	8,333 16	3,378 15	880 00	557 35	404 66	5 00	444 68	130 89	187 00	148 53	330 00	186 19
Increase.....						520 42			9 00		6 50		88 21		19		
Decrease.....		10 55	200 00	16 38	801 00		1,505 04			64 14		101 09					27 83

## MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—Continued.

LOCAL CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes	Average Amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.																BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.			
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Incr.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES					Total Losses.	Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conver- sions.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of faith.	By Cer- tificate	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- draws.	Expul- sions.	No.									Value.	No.	Value.		
o & Win			\$100 00	\$843 57	\$ 6 69	.....	125	1	126	113	13	.....	13	5	18	2	2	1	.....	5	.....	3	2	21	80	10	197	2	\$4,000 00	.....	.....	\$ 250 00	
nam'n...	\$25 00	\$125 00	30 00	1,107 01	1 39	2	790	3	793	822	.....	29	27	3	30	30	29	.....	.....	59	16	8	6	70	450	30	236	6	10,820 00	.....	.....	200 00	
errin...	8 00	320 00	8 00	1,061 80	2 31	2	457	1	458	474	.....	16	10	7	17	3	26	4	.....	33	7	4	6	40	320	.....	100	5	5,000 00	1	\$1,200 00	.....	
e.....	36 85	481 00	108 00	1,645 85	3 92	3	413	1	414	434	.....	20	13	5	18	8	27	3	.....	38	7	24	7	57	241	10	400	7	9,000 00	1	1,300 00	300 00	
ford.....	42 33	50 00	146 40	1,323 32	1 89	2	695	2	697	741	.....	44	86	3	89	7	121	5	.....	133	47	5	7	71	408	38	823	7	9,000 00	1	1,200 00	450 00	
ton.....	9 00	.....	30 88	359 79	6 91	.....	52	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	58	58	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	5	1	5	32	.....	320	2	2,500 00	.....	.....	.....	
notank.	22 20	5 00	.....	774 12	1 29	1	600	.....	600	503	97	.....	107	5	112	6	3	5	1	15	56	16	7	74	426	20	970	6	4,000 00	.....	.....	100 00	
n City...	38 62	.....	605 19	1,830 81	9 06	1	202	.....	202	204	.....	2	2	5	7	5	3	1	.....	9	1	3	2	24	234	.....	489	1	10,000 00	.....	.....	900 00	
lk.....	76 03	20 76	292 96	1,439 98	6 73	.....	212	.....	212	189	23	.....	26	5	31	2	6	.....	.....	8	19	4	1	23	170	19	300	1	10,000 00	.....	.....	800 00	
.....	18 50	829 00	173 00	2,302 58	2 45	3	938	.....	938	926	12	.....	34	.....	34	10	1	11	.....	22	20	11	11	65	500	10	800	10	7,400 00	1	800 00	250 00	
namt'n...	37 44	.....	190 34	903 68	1 58	1	573	.....	573	580	.....	7	19	.....	19	11	4	11	.....	26	8	.....	5	79	274	5	600	7	4,000 00	1	1,500 00	250 00	
outh'n...	28 00	14 00	.....	997 75	3 10	1	320	1	321	315	6	.....	12	6	18	2	.....	10	.....	12	10	3	5	48	163	6	95	5	4,900 00	1	1,500 00	450 00	
katuck	90 00	25 00	12 00	601 27	2 66	.....	226	.....	226	187	39	.....	25	18	43	...	3	1	...	4	20	4	5	68	286	20	925	5	5,700 00	.....	.....	.....	
len. ....	32 89	.....	95 00	548 08	1 27	1	429	.....	429	420	9	.....	32	1	33	5	16	3	...	24	23	4	4	37	248	.....	450	5	2,600 00	1	1,000 00	.....	
.....	20 08	.....	.....	323 99	80	4	408	.....	408	395	13	.....	15	4	19	.....	1	5	.....	6	11	12	4	50	166	5	194	6	2,200 00	.....	.....	.....	
e Mis'n	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
r 1879...	484 94	1,869 76	1,791 77	16,063 60	2 49	21	6,440	9	6,449	6,303	146	.....	421	125	546	87	132	59	1	400	245	106	73	732	3,998	173	7,099	75	91,120 00	7	8,500 00	3,950 00	
r 1878...	678 18	4,038 55	1,993 05	18,222 08	2 89	22	6,294	9	6,303	6,303	57	.....	282	74	356	72	146	72	9	299	187	111	75	784	4,254	.....	6,075	74	94,920 00	6	7,750 00	4,050 00	
ase.....	193 24	2,168 79	201 28	2,158 48	40	1	.....	.....	146	.....	89	.....	139	51	190	15	.....	.....	.....	101	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,024	1	.....	1	750 00	.....	
ase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	13	8	.....	.....	5	2	52	256	.....	.....	.....	3,800 00	.....	.....	100 00	



GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
NORFOLK DISTRICT.....	L. S. REED, P. E. ....																
1. Cumberland Street .....	William H. Christian.....		\$190 00	\$190 00	\$1,860 00	\$1,800 00		\$115 00	\$115 00	\$48 57	\$44 43	\$48 58	\$ 44 42	\$24 00	\$24 00	\$43 00	\$43 00
2. Granby Street.....	Samnel S. Lambeth.....		200 00	200 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		125 00	159 58	68 43	45 00	255 57	100 00	26 00	27 50	45 00	48 50
3. Queen Street.....	B. F. Lipscomb.....		40 00	40 00	800 00	800 00		25 00	31 25	34 13		60 00	51 11	5 00	7 00	10 00	10 00
4. Berkley. ....	Thomas McN. Simpson..	3 50	35 00	35 00	500 00	500 00		22 00	22 00	12 00	13 00	20 00	16 90	4 00	4 00	8 00	9 00
5. Monumental.....	William E. Edwards.....	3 50	168 00	168 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		105 00	105 00	82 00		82 00		22 00	26 11	39 00	39 00
6. Central.....	Hezekiah P. Mitchell....		75 00	75 00	925 00	925 00		44 00	24 00	19 00		22 60	9 00	9 00	9 00	12 00	10 00
7. Second Street.....	Joseph B. Merritt.....	20 00	35 00	35 00	800 00	800 00		22 00	18 67	3 10	13 90	3 09	13 91	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00
8. Norfolk Circuit.....	Edward M. Jordan.....		100 00	100 00	950 00	950 00		63 00	63 00	28 76	20 24	40 00	35 00	13 00	14 00	24 00	25 00
9. East Norfolk Circuit .....	Robert M. Saunders ....		102 00	102 00	800 00	800 00		64 00	40 00	18 00		22 00		14 00	10 00		
10. South Norfolk Circuit.....	Charles E. Hobday.....		125 00	109 75	750 00	662 20	103 05	78 00	78 00	29 50		62 75	25 04	20 00	20 00	35 00	10 00
11. Princess Anne.....	Joseph J. Edwards.....		170 00	142 37	1,100 00	937 51	190 12	106 00	25 35	30 00		60 00		22 00	17 00	40 00	5 00
12. Currituek.....	Junius B. De Berry. ....	50 00	85 00	85 00	500 00	500 00		53 00	34 91	27 00		27 00		12 00	12 00	20 00	9 09
13. Hampton and Fox Hill.....	William McGee.....		60 00	58 00	800 00	777 00	25 00	37 00	30 00	20 00		32 00		9 00	6 00	16 00	12 00
14. York.....	Benjamin C. Spiller.....		85 00	85 00	550 00	550 00		50 00	16 00	14 00		10 00		10 00	8 00	19 00	8 00
15. Smithfield and Benn's.....	Jacob Manning.....	15 00	85 00	85 00	850 00	850 00		53 00	53 00	41 00		41 00		11 00	11 00	19 00	19 00
16. Isle of Wight.....	Thomas P. Wise.....		45 00	45 00	625 00	625 00		27 00	27 00	23 00		23 00		5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Totals for 1879.....		92 00	1,600 00	1,555 12	15,750 00	15,476 71	318 17	1,000 00	842 76	498 49	136 57	808 99	295 38	212 00	205 61	375 00	262 59
Totals for 1878.....		175 94	1,700 00	1,558 65	16,655 72	15,722 88	1,074 19	1,000 00	800 37	628 51	116 82	727 88	298 81	212 00	192 31	375 00	315 77
Increase.....									42 39		19 75				13 30		
Decrease .....		83 94	100 00	3 53	905 72	246 17	756 02			130 02		81 11	2 43				53 18



NORFOLK DISTRICT—*Continued.*

LOCAL CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	Average amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Members rep'd last year.	Net Inc'r.	Net Dec'rse.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Convers'ns.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON-AGES.		Value of all other Church Property
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of Faith.	By Cer-tificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re-movals.	With-drawals.	Expul-sions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
Abner's St	\$157 63	\$36 60	\$1,059 77	\$3,612 00	\$6 98	4	517	.....	517	515	2	.....	20	14	34	8	22	2	.....	32	2	12	1	45	277	11	775	1	\$20,000 00	1	\$4,500 00	\$1,100 00
by St...	411 32	240 00	1,583 30	5,139 20	12 80	.....	401	..	401	390	11	.....	5	27	32	5	15	1	.....	21	3	18	1	57	305	.....	1,250	1	30,000 00	1	6,000 00	2,600 00
n Street	141 98	541 52	312 68	2,029 67	14 19	.....	143	.....	143	86	57	...	52	13	65	2	4	1	1	8	16	6	1	33	136	18	250	1	7,000 00	...	.....	300 00
ey.....	46 70	114 00	211 41	1,007 51	8 19	.....	123	.....	123	109	14	.....	15	6	21	2	4	1	.....	7	8	8	1	19	94	2	200	1	5,000 00	...	.....	200 00
imental	179 44	568 49	556 30	3,809 84	7 55	5	503	.....	503	427	76	.....	78	19	97	7	11	2	1	21	28	23	1	44	279	38	.....	2	40,000 00	...	.....	300 00
ral.....	50 00	30 00	300 00	1,473 00	5 45	1	270	.....	270	266	4	.....	11	5	16	6	6	.....	.....	12	5	15	2	30	270	2	550	1	1,400 00	...	.....	300 00
d St.....	130 00	150 46	138 76	1,336 83	7 95	1	168	.....	168	145	23	.....	26	1	27	2	1	1	.....	4	10	12	1	29	186	21	200	1	2,500 00	...	.....	275 00
olk Cir..	87 50	.....	525 00	1,888 50	6 42	.....	294	.....	294	316	.....	22	19	13	32	20	20	14	.....	54	11	6	5	50	225	10	576	6	7,000 00	1	2,000 00	.....
r'k Cir.	125 85	125 00	955 00	2,197 85	7 63	.....	288	.....	288	291	.....	3	19	3	22	6	19	.....	.....	25	6	14	3	45	150	15	950	3	5,500 00	1	1,500 00	50 00
r'k Cir.	59 59	135 35	60 35	1,252 53	2 86	2	437	.....	437	547	.....	110	15	1	16	8	108	10	.....	126	8	6	5	64	314	.....	694	6	6,850 00	1	1,000 00	200 00
nne.....	52 00	35 00	47 93	1,352 16	1 57	6	860	.....	860	945	.....	85	60	5	65	20	85	32	13	150	5	15	8	100	500	.....	1, 16	9	8,100 00	1	1,300 00	200 10
tuck....	6 67	49 46	14 16	815 29	1 58	1	516	.....	516	488	28	.....	70	66	136	23	43	28	14	108	39	.....	5	52	263	10	300	7	5,100 00	1	1,000 00	127 00
pton.....	64 73	92 00	447 31	1,539 04	5 89	2	261	.....	261	253	8	.....	10	8	18	3	6	1	.....	10	4	9	2	36	160	5	700	2	3,500 00	1	2,000 00	400 00
.....	30 00	10 00	25 00	756 00	1 38	2	545	1	546	541	5	.....	29	.....	29	5	8	10	1	24	19	70	4	70	360	26	600	4	3,000 00	1	800 00	60 00
hfield....	34 00	.....	127 00	1,276 00	4 52	1	282	.....	282	310	.....	28	1	3	4	4	24	4	.....	32	1	1	2	45	162	1	430	2	4,300 00	1	2,500 00	400 00
f Wight	18 00	400 00	28 00	1,204 00	4 16	.....	289	.....	289	263	26	.....	27	1	28	1	.....	1	.....	2	22	1	3	45	184	6	450	4	4,000 00	1	1,000 00	450 00
	1,595 41	2,527 82	6,391 97	30,689 42	5 20	25	5,897	1	5,898	5,892	6	.....	457	185	642	122	376	108	30	636	187	216	45	764	3,865	165	9,541	51	153,250 00	11	23,600 00	6,962 00
in 1878..	2,162 07	2,294 66	8,325 04	33,319 71	5 66	21	5,891	.....	5,892	5,892	.....	.....	246	277	523	92	297	46	7	442	111	251	48	795	4,064	.....	8,977	49	164,000 00	7	18,500 00	7,285 00
se .....	566 66	.....	1,933 07	2,630 29	46	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
														92	119	30	79	62	23	194	76	35	3	31	199	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
NORFOLK DISTRICT.....	L. S. REED, P. E. ....																
1. Cumberland Street . . . . .	William H. Christian.....		\$190 00	\$190 00	\$1,800 00	\$1,800 00		\$115 00	\$115 00	\$48 57	\$44 43	\$48 58	\$ 44 42	\$24 00	\$24 00	\$43 00	\$43 00
2. Granby Street.....	Samuel S. Lambeth.....		200 00	200 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		125 00	159 58	68 43	45 00	255 57	100 00	26 00	27 50	45 00	48 50
3. Queen Street.....	B. F. Lipscomb.....		40 00	40 00	800 00	800 00		25 00	31 25	34 13		60 00	51 11	5 00	7 00	10 00	10 00
4. Berkley. ....	Thomas McN. Simpson..	3 50	35 00	35 00	500 00	500 00		22 00	22 00	12 00	13 00	20 00	16 90	4 00	4 00	8 00	9 00
5. Monumental.....	William E. Edwards.....	3 50	168 00	168 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		105 00	105 00	82 00		82 00		22 00	26 11	39 00	39 00
6. Central.....	Hezekiah P. Mitchell....		75 00	75 00	925 00	925 00		44 00	24 00	19 00		22 60	9 00	9 00	9 00	12 00	10 00
7. Second Street.. . . .	Joseph B Merritt.....	20 00	35 00	35 00	800 00	800 00		22 00	18 67	3 10	13 90	3 09	13 91	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00
8. Norfolk Circuit.....	Edward M. Jordan.....		100 00	100 00	950 00	950 00		63 00	63 00	28 76	20 24	40 00	35 00	13 00	14 00	24 00	25 00
9. East Norfolk Circuit.....	Robert M. Saunders ....		102 00	102 00	800 00	800 00		64 00	40 00	18 00		22 00		14 00	10 00		
10. South Norfolk Circuit.....	Charles E. Hobday.....		125 00	109 75	750 00	662 20	103 05	78 00	78 00	29 50		62 75	25 04	20 00	20 00	35 00	10 00
11. Princess Anne.....	Joseph J. Edwards.. . . .		170 00	142 37	1,100 00	937 51	190 12	106 00	25 35	30 00		60 00		22 00	17 00	40 00	5 00
12. Currituck.... . . . .	Junius B. De Berry. ....	50 00	85 00	85 00	500 00	500 00		53 00	34 91	27 00		27 00		12 00	12 00	20 00	9 09
13. Hampton and Fox Hill.....	William McGee.....		60 00	58 00	800 00	777 00	25 00	37 00	30 00	20 00		32 00		9 00	6 00	16 00	12 00
14. York..... . . . .	Benjamin C. Spiller.....		85 00	85 00	550 00	550 00		50 00	16 00	14 00		10 00		10 00	8 00	19 00	8 00
15. Smithfield and Benn's.....	Jacob Manning.....	15 00	85 00	85 00	850 00	850 00		53 00	53 00	41 00		41 00		11 00	11 00	19 00	19 00
16. Isle of Wight..... . . .	Thomas P. Wise.....		45 00	45 00	625 00	625 00		27 00	27 00	23 00		23 00		5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Totals for 1879.....		92 00	1,600 00	1,555 12	15,750 00	15,476 71	318 17	1,000 00	842 76	498 49	136 57	808 99	295 38	212 00	205 61	375 00	262 59
Totals for 1878.....		175 94	1,700 00	1,558 65	16,655 72	15,722 88	1,074 19	1,000 00	800 37	628 51	116 82	727 88	298 81	212 00	192 31	375 00	315 77
Increase.....									42 39	130 02	19 75						53 18
Decrease .....		83 94	100 00	3 53	905 72	246 17	756 02					81 11	2 43				

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LOCAL CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	Average amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.																BAPT'IMS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Members rep'd last year.	Net Inc'r.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Number.			Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Convers'ns.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON-AGES.		Value of all other Church Property	
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of Faith.	By Cer-tificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re-movals.	With-drawals.	Expul-sions.	Total Losses.		No.	Value.					No.	Value.				
World St	\$157 63	\$36 60	\$1,059 77	\$3,612 00	\$6 98	4	517	.....	517	515	2	.....	20	14	34	8	22	2	.....	32	2	12	1	45	277	11	775	1	\$20,000 00	1	\$4,500 00	\$1,100 00	
by St...	411 32	240 00	1,583 30	5,139 20	12 80	.....	401	..	401	390	11	.....	5	27	32	5	15	1	.....	21	3	18	1	57	305	.....	1,250	1	30,000 00	1	6,000 00	2,600 00	
n Street	141 98	541 52	312 68	2,029 67	14 19	.....	143	.....	143	86	57	...	52	13	65	2	4	1	1	8	16	6	1	33	136	18	250	1	7,000 00	...	.....	300 00	
ey.....	46 70	114 00	211 41	1,007 51	8 19	.....	123	.....	123	109	14	.....	15	6	21	2	4	1	.....	7	8	8	1	19	94	2	200	1	5,000 00	...	.....	200 00	
mental	179 44	568 49	556 30	3,809 84	7 55	5	503	.....	503	427	76	.....	78	19	97	7	11	2	1	21	28	23	1	44	279	38	.....	2	40,000 00	...	.....	300 00	
al.....	50 00	30 00	300 00	1,473 00	5 45	1	270	.....	270	266	4	.....	11	5	16	6	6	.....	.....	12	5	15	2	30	270	2	550	1	1,400 00	...	.....	300 00	
d St.....	130 00	150 46	138 76	1,336 83	7 95	1	168	.....	168	145	23	.....	26	1	27	2	1	1	.....	4	10	12	1	29	186	21	200	1	2,500 00	...	.....	275 00	
lk Cir..	87 50	.....	525 00	1,888 50	6 42	.....	294	.....	294	316	.....	22	19	13	32	20	20	14	.....	54	11	6	5	50	225	10	576	6	7,000 00	1	2,000 00	.....	
r'k Cir.	125 85	125 00	955 00	2,197 85	7 63	.....	288	.....	288	291	.....	3	19	3	22	6	19	.....	.....	25	6	14	3	45	150	15	950	3	5,500 00	1	1,500 00	50 00	
r'k Cir.	59 59	135 35	60 35	1,252 53	2 86	2	437	.....	437	547	.....	110	15	1	16	8	108	10	.....	126	8	6	5	64	314	.....	694	6	6,850 00	1	1,000 00	200 00	
anne.....	52 00	35 00	47 93	1,352 16	1 57	6	860	.....	860	945	.....	85	60	5	65	20	85	32	13	150	5	15	8	100	500	.....	1, 16	9	8,100 00	1	1,300 00	200 10	
tuek....	6 67	49 46	14 16	815 29	1 58	1	516	.....	516	488	28	.....	70	66	136	23	43	28	14	108	39	.....	5	52	263	10	300	7	5,100 00	1	1,000 00	127 00	
pton.....	64 73	92 00	447 31	1,539 04	5 89	2	261	.....	261	253	8	.....	10	8	18	3	6	1	.....	10	4	9	2	36	160	5	700	2	3,500 00	1	2,000 00	400 00	
.....	30 00	10 00	25 00	756 00	1 38	2	545	1	546	541	5	.....	29	.....	29	5	8	10	1	24	19	70	4	70	360	26	600	4	3,000 00	1	800 00	60 00	
nfield....	34 00	.....	127 00	1,276 00	4 52	1	282	.....	282	310	.....	28	1	3	4	4	24	4	.....	32	1	1	2	45	162	1	430	2	4,300 00	1	2,500 00	400 00	
f Wight	18 00	400 00	28 00	1,204 00	4 16	.....	289	.....	289	263	26	.....	27	1	28	1	.....	1	.....	2	22	1	3	45	184	6	450	4	4,000 00	1	1,000 00	450 00	
	1,595 41	2,527 82	6,391 97	30,689 42	5 20	25	5,897	1	5,898	5,892	6	.....	457	185	642	122	376	108	30	636	187	216	45	764	3,865	165	9,541	51	153,250 00	11	23,600 00	6,962 00	
in 1878..	2,162 07	2,294 66	8,325 04	33,319 71	5 66	21	5,891	.....	5,892	5,892	.....	.....	246	277	523	92	297	46	7	442	111	251	48	795	4,064	.....	8,977	49	164,000 00	7	18,500 00	7,285 00	
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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.....	LEONIDAS ROSSER, P. E.....																
1. Ashland.....	John L. Clarke.....	\$ 17 00	\$ 85 00	\$ 85 00	\$ 600 00	\$ 600 00		\$35 00	\$ 35 35	\$39 25	\$ 5 00	\$49 33	\$ 5 00	\$ 7 50	\$ 8 50	\$13 10	\$14 50
2. Spottsylvania.....	Spedden O. Harris.....		35 00	35 00	150 00	137 35	\$12 65	20 50	20 50	14 50		14 50		4 50	4 50	7 50	7 50
3. Caroline.....	John G. Rowe.....	3 35	65 00	32 89	500 00	253 00	279	35 00	6 90	1 00		45 36		8 00	2 32	15 00	4 57
4. Bowling Green.....	Thomas J. Bayton.....	8 63	65 00	42 50	515 00	204 78	332 72	20 00	13 01	10 00	8 00	5 75	7 00	5 75	4 25	9 80	8 00
5. Middlesex.....	Major S. Colonna.....		100 00	91 00	700 00	640 00	69 00	55 50	40 00	22 50		22 50		11 80	9 00	20 80	14 00
6. King and Queen.....	William E. Evans.....	3 50	105 00	95 00	600 00	522 00	88 00	55 50	25 00	10 00		10 00		11 80	5 00	20 00	15 09
7. King William.....	Paul Bradley.....		80 00	72 59	305 00	261 98	50 43	27 15	27 15	22 20		20 00		6 00	6 60	10 00	9 00
8. Essex.....	W. H. Edwards.....		30 00	30 00	225 00	212 50	12 50	12 80	11 80	9 00		9 00		2 70	2 06	4 80	4 80
9. Hanover.....	William G. Williams.....		100 00	66 17	700 00	463 15	270 68	40 00	18 40	10 90		19 79	17 67	8 50	6 05	15 00	15 00
10. West Hanover.....	Ed. N. S. Blogg.....		60 00	38 00	600 00	394 94	227 06	35 00	5 00	28 00		28 00		7 50	1 50	13 00	10 00
11. Goochland.....	Robert A. Armstead.....	1 65	60 00	27 64	356 00	162 13	226 23	24 75	14 00	8 00		6 00		5 25	5 25	9 00	8 66
12. West Goochland.....	Joseph E. Potts.....	12 00	25 00	25 00	600 00	143 29	456 71	12 80	1 36	2 26		3 06		2 70	1 75	4 80	4 80
13. King George.....	D. G. C. Butts.....		84 00	79 94	550 00	514 59	39 47	45 00	29 50	30 97		28 89	9 94	8 00	4 00	16 00	8 53
14. Montross.....	John C. Rosser.....		35 00	35 00	250 00	222 45	27 55	25 00	25 00	15 00		15 00		6 00	6 00	8 00	8 00
15. Westmoreland.....	W. F. Davis.....		84 00	50 53	600 00	360 85	272 62	45 00	21 00	3 25	22 93	4 32	37 82	10 00	4 52	16 00	7 00
16. Richmond Circuit.....	William A. Crocker.....		69 00	42 26	551 00	337 48	240 26	46 00	27 69	15 00		25 00		8 00	5 00	16 00	8 75
17. Heathsville.....	James F. Brannin.....	16 00	84 00	84 00	675 00	675 00		50 00	50 00	17 60		51 94		12 00	12 00	20 00	20 00
18. Lancaster.....	Robert B. Beadles.....	8 00	84 00	84 00	775 00	673 95	101 05	55 00	55 00	18 00		20 69	10 31	12 00	12 00	20 00	20 00
Totals for 1879.....		70 13	1,250 00	1,016 52	9,252 00	6,779 44	2,706 04	640 00	426 57	277 43	35 93	379 13	87 74	136 00	99 70	240 00	188 20
Totals in 1878.....		152 83	1,660 00	1,264 56	9,054 00	6,879 00	2,570 44	640 00	391 17	278 14	14 78	312 75	47 85	136 00	98 32	240 00	161 68
Increase.....				198 00			135 60		35 40		21 15	66 38	39 89		1 38		26 52
Decrease.....		82 73	410 00	248 04		99 56				71							

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LOCAL CHURCHES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes	Average Amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Members rep'd last year.	Net Incr.	Net Dec're.	GAINS.			LOSSES					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.		Value of all other Church Property.	
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of faith.	By Certificate.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Removals.	Withdrawals.	Expulsions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
and.....	\$100 11	\$3580 00	\$24 28	\$4,563 32	\$20 46	5	222	1	223	236	.....	13	13	11	24	1	36	.....	.....	37	8	....	2	32	198	17	450	1	\$ 4,563 32	..	.....	.....	
ylv'a...	65 00	130 00	20 00	448 85	2 57	1	174	.....	174	139	35	.....	27	13	40	2	3	....	.....	5	13	.....	4	35	260	19	260	4	2,500 00	...	.....	.....	
ne.....	10 00	.....	45 80	405 19	1 11	1	365	.....	365	343	22	.....	12	19	31	5	.....	1	3	9	12	1	3	30	200	3	200	4	5,000 00	...	.....	20 00	
g Gr'n.	15 00	.....	165 00	491 92	2 09	1	235	.....	235	235	.....	.....	2	11	13	4	8	1	.....	13	.....	8	4	50	180	.....	680	4	3,000 00	...	.....	240 00	
esex....	45 00	175 00	75 00	1,134 00	2 22	1	510	.....	510	501	9	.....	26	2	28	9	10	.....	.....	19	12	10	9	64	325	12	700	6	7,400 00	1	1,200 00	400 00	
& Qu'n	30 00	40 00	100 00	855 59	1 50	2	566	3	569	579	.....	10	2	10	13	7	4	12	.....	23	3	2	5	50	300	2	600	4	1,100 00	1	700 00	100 00	
Wm....	47 00	57 00	70 00	592 92	1 93	1	303	3	306	303	3	.....	10	.....	10	5	.....	.....	2	7	8	2	3	30	189	13	270	3	2,900 00	...	.....	25 00	
.....	15 00	12 50	.....	306 66	1 91	1	160	.....	160	155	5	.....	7	3	10	2	3	.....	.....	5	5	5	2	18	86	3	160	2	2,000 00	...	.....	.....	
ver.....	98 81	249 24	201 60	1,166 78	3 23	.....	361	..	361	339	22	.....	29	2	31	4	4	.....	1	9	24	1	4	49	300	19	528	4	3,600 00	1	1,000 00	310 00	
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land...	20 00	725 00	15 00	993 33	3 89	.....	225	.....	255	295	...	40	.....	5	5	3	42	.....	.....	45	.....	1	3	33	150	1	260	4	2,100 00	1	800 00	.....	
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Geo....	50 00	380 00	41 00	1,177 36	3 46	1	340	1	341	354	.....	13	5	11	16	2	7	17	3	29	3	4	3	38	208	1	476	3	5,300 00	...	.....	150 00	
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nd C't.	38 95	.....	140 00	640 04	1 65	.....	358	5	363	366	.....	3	18	3	21	4	3	12	5	24	9	2	6	71	288	16	650	5	7,200 00	...	.....	450 00	
sville..	249 65	47 00	112 50	1,335 69	3 72	1	359	.....	359	346	13	.....	16	9	25	6	5	1	.....	12	6	15	5	57	203	11	450	4	12,000 00	1	1,000 00	350 00	
ster...	32 91	30 00	110 00	1,074 86	2 85	3	378	.....	378	332	46	.....	59	10	69	7	8	6	2	23	27	2	7	69	372	30	850	3	6,500 00	1	700 00	250 00	
1879 ..	935 25	5,727 24	1,240 68	17,263 96	2 91	21	5,843	28	5,871	5,732	139	.....	327	130	457	83	166	53	16	318	178	66	75	802	4,100	173	8,008	67	76,563 32	6	5,400 00	2,555 00	
1878...	711 37	1,554 64	1,699 08	13,556 20	2 34	23	5,705	27	5,732	5,732	257	.....	493	138	631	80	175	104	15	374	308	83	70	725	3,660	.....	7,818	66	80,800 00	7	7,950 00	2,646 00	
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			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.....	GEORGE H. RAY, P. E.....																
1. Eastville.....	James L. Spencer.....	\$ 16 00	\$110 00	\$ 85 10	\$ 860 00	\$ 716 10	\$168 80	\$58 94	\$ 58 94			\$61 44		\$12 53	\$12 53	\$22 10	\$22 10
2. Bell Haven.....	Fielding A. Davis.....	13 23	32 00	32 00	150 00	150 00		17 69	17 69					3 76	3 76	6 63	3 00
3. Pungoteague.....	Charles C. Wertenbaker.....	23 00	130 00	127 00	900 00	888 00	15 00	70 73	35 74	\$35 00		98 10		15 03	9 00	26 53	16 00
4. Onancock.....	J. Carson Watson.....	98 00	130 00	130 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		70 73	77 00	80 00	\$27 00	100 00	\$27 00	15 03	17 00	26 53	27 00
5. Conquest and Clifford.....	James E. McSparran.....	72 00	70 00	57 38	633 00	577 91	67 71	38 32	25 37	20 00		12 02	10 79	8 14	6 37	14 37	11 01
6. Atlantic.....	John W. Hildrup.....	35 00	80 00	80 00	700 00	700 00		43 00	18 00	18 00		20 00	2 80	9 40	8 00	16 40	14 00
7. Wicomico.....	James D. Lumsden.....	23 00	30 00	26 60	322 00	287 90	37 50	20 63	20 63	14 76		14 76		4 38	4 38	7 74	7 74
8. Salisbury.....	Richard J. Moorman.....	8 00	80 00	80 00	850 00	850 00		44 22	44 22	30 00		37 04	25 00	9 41	9 41	16 58	16 58
9. Berlin.....	William J. Twilley.....	18 00	60 00	55 00	300 00	275 00	30 00	35 36	9 00	6 55	6 00	6 00	5 00	7 52	3 40	13 26	5 50
10. Dorchester.....	Josiah D. Hank.....	13 50	135 00	102 65	1,000 00	784 34	248 01	79 00	50 00	23 00		37 00		16 89	11 00	29 89	15 30
11. Hoopersville.....	James H. Dalby.....	3 00	32 00	23 27	205 00	140 00	73 73				2 00		12 00				
12. Cambridge.....	John H. Patterson.....	8 00	0 00	80 00	700 00	700 00		44 21	44 21	33 00		25 69		9 40	9 40	16 58	16 58
13. Dorchester Mission.....	John W. S. Robins.....	3 10	31 00	31 00	200 00	200 00		17 69	5 88					3 76	1 25	6 63	2 21
Totals for 1879.....		333 60	1,000 00	910 00	7,820 00	7,269 25	640 75	560 00	406 69	260 31	35 00	412 05	82 59	119 00	95 50	210 00	157 02
Totals in 1878.....		245 50	50 00	864 46	8,165 00	7,721 93	528 61	560 00	416 14	257 27	2 00	277 74	54 95	119 00	93 48	210 00	148 52
Increase.....		88 10	50 00	45 54			112 14			3 04	33 00	134 31	27 64		2 02		8 50
Decrease.....					345 00	452 68			9 45								



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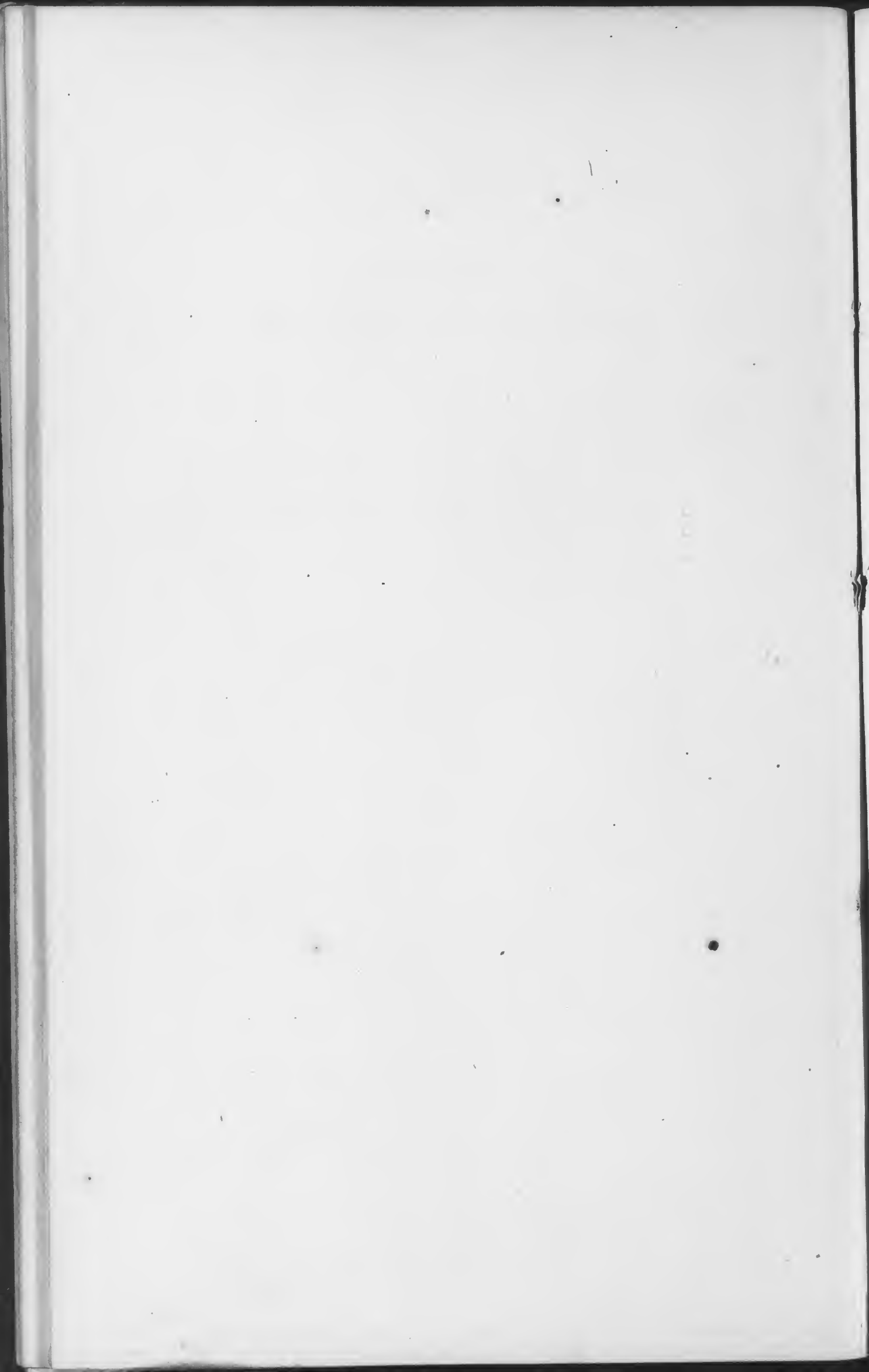
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Alle.....	\$135 00	\$260 00	\$123 00	\$1,490 21	\$4 28	1	348	.....	348	340	8	.....	6	9	15	5	1	1	.....	7	3	7	4	92	370	14	750	4	\$6,000 00	1	\$ 875 00	\$300 00
Haven..	25 00	105 00	.....	349 45	3 81	1	89	.....	89	77	12	.....	16	.....	16	.....	.....	4	.....	4	12	.....	2	16	110	12	200	1	400 00	...	.....	.....
oteag'e	141 23	.....	617 90	1,990 97	3 16	2	629	.....	629	467	162	.....	100	86	186	6	5	13	.....	24	82	17	5	82	435	.....	619	4	8,000 00	1	2,500 00	650 00
cock....	202 41	.....	170 84	1,956 25	3 76	1	520	.....	520	479	41	.....	50	12	62	3	9	9	.....	21	21	118	4	75	547	30	700	4	7,000 00	1	1,850 00	450 00
& Guil..	29 25	104 00	100 19	1,026 29	2 91	1	352	.....	352	309	43	.....	45	2	47	3	1	.....	.....	4	33	2	2	27	194	6	200	2	2,500 00	1	1,200 00	150 00
tic.....	30 00	125 00	80 00	1,130 80	3 30	.....	361	.....	361	339	22	.....	30	1	31	4	4	1	.....	9	6	26	4	47	297	6	350	4	5,500 00	1	1,300 00	125 00
nico....	12 32	96 10	33 56	541 75	2 72	.....	199	.....	199	225	.....	26	13	.....	13	.....	37	2	.....	39	.....	.....	2	23	133	.....	.....	2	1,500 00	1	1,000 00	.....
ury....	43 00	14 00	104 00	1,261 25	14 82	.....	85	.....	85	78	7	.....	8	3	11	.....	4	.....	.....	4	2	4	1	13	60	3	300	1	4,000 00	1	2,200 00	300 00
.....	54 60	80 00	45 00	569 05	2 58	2	220	.....	220	184	36	.....	41	.....	41	5	.....	.....	.....	5	4	44	4	33	214	20	500	4	4,000 00	...	.....	.....
ester...	20 00	125 00	79 00	1,260 79	3 57	1	352	.....	352	350	2	.....	23	.....	23	11	10	.....	.....	21	.....	27	5	70	300	.....	500	4	7,000 00	1	2,000 00	300 00
ersville	20 32	.....	12 50	213 09	78	.....	266	4	270	260	10	.....	8	8	16	2	3	.....	1	6	.....	21	3	32	225	3	500	2	600 00	...	.....	75 00
ridge...	28 00	.....	101 39	1,046 27	8 57	3	122	.....	122	127	.....	5	9	3	12	3	6	8	.....	17	1	9	1	20	115	.....	115	1	1,000 00	...	.....	200 00
Mission	8 00	50 00	15 00	316 45	3 72	1	85	.....	85	68	17	.....	17	2	19	1	1	.....	.....	2	1	13	2	10	65	1	140	2	1,300 00	...	.....	.....
1879...	749 13	959 10	1,482 38	13,152 62	3 62	13	3,628	4	3,632	3,303	329	.....	366	126	492	43	81	38	1	163	165	288	39	540	3,065	95	4,874	35	48,800 00	8	12,925 00	2,550 00
h 1878..	651 28	2,933 45	2,203 73	15,870 45	4 80	12	3,301	2	3,303	3,303	186	...	344	374	18	43	448	40	1	532	71	156	41	559	2,848	.....	5,409	34	52,600 00	6	9,500 00	2,125 00
e.....	97 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	327	2	329	.....	143	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	132	.....	.....	217	.....	.....	1	.....	2	3,425 00	425 00
se.....	.....	1,974 35	721 35	2,717 83	1 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	248	226	.....	367	2	.....	369	.....	.....	2	19	.....	.....	535	.....	3,800 00	.....	.....	.....	

# RECAPITULATION OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1879.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES—INCLUDING HOUSE RENT.					CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.	
			PRESIDING ELDER.		PASTOR AND HELPER.		Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.				
1. Richmond District.....	Leroy M. Lee.....	101 38	\$1,200 00	\$1,141 23	\$18,119 35	\$17,561 85	\$616 27	\$1,000 00	\$828 07	\$533 91	\$81 42	\$610 90	\$ 96 65	\$213 00	\$198 18	\$375 00	\$309 28
2. Charlottesville District.....	John D. Blackwell.....	146 65	1,200 00	1,042 58	8,830 50	7,912 40	1,132 70	720 00	447 54	202 54	27 50	289 24	36 50	153 00	106 39	270 00	166 17
3. Lynchburg District.....	Davis P. Willis.....	97 15	1,440 00	1,265 22	12,898 85	11,536 25	1,536 38	880 00	573 81	454 85	5 85	508 62	39 36	187 00	133 27	330 00	225 92
4. Danville District.....	James M. Anderson.....	142 48	1,600 00	1,126 13	9,914 66	7,887 15	2,501 38	640 00	324 34	287 43	20 75	217 75	23 57	136 00	76 56	240 00	122 60
5. Farmville District.....	E. M. Peterson.....	114 67	1,420 00	1,224 21	9,431 00	8,145 90	1,480 89	800 00	573 40	448 67	29 33	779 28	74 93	170 00	139 18	300 00	205 97
6. Petersburg District.....	E. P. Wilson.....	50 46	1,450 00	1,282 34	12,824 50	11,510 60	1,481 56	880 00	629 59	462 03	97 81	511 17	81 73	187 00	155 40	330 00	218 83
7. Murfreesboro District.....	B. F. Woodward .....	91 60	1,400 00	1,183 31	10,510 00	8,853 58	1,873 11	880 00	566 35	340 52	11 50	343 59	219 10	187 00	148 72	330 00	158 86
8. Norfolk District.....	L. A. Reed.....	92 00	1,600 00	1,555 12	15,750 00	15,476 71	318 17	1,000 00	842 76	498 49	136 57	808 99	295 38	212 00	205 61	375 00	262 59
9. Randolph Macon District.....	Leonidas Rosser.....	70 13	1,250 00	1,016 52	9,252 00	6,779 44	2,706 04	640 00	426 57	277 43	35 93	379 13	87 74	136 00	99 70	240 00	188 20
10. Eastern Shore District.....	George H. Ray.....	333 60	1,000 00	910 00	7,820 00	7,269 25	640 75	560 00	406 69	260 31	35 00	412 05	82 59	119 00	95 50	210 00	157 02
Totals for 1879.....		1,240 12	13,560 00	11,746 66	115,350 86	102,933 13	14,288 25	8,000 00	5,619 12	3,766 18	481 66	4,860 72	1,037 55	1,700 00	1,358 51	3,000 00	2,015 44
Totals for 1878.....		1,907 16	14,028 00	11,736 13	119,223 22	103,458 79	18,056 30	8,000 00	5,375 80	3,853 66	511 68	3,931 84	930 05	1,700 00	1,310 74	3,000 00	2,073 25
Increase .....				10 53					243 32			928 88	107 50		47 77		
Decrease .....		667 04	468 00		3,872 36	525 66	3,768 05			87 48	30 02						57 81

### RECAPITULATION—Continued.

NAMES OF CITIES.	MONEY RAISED.			Aggregate Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes	Average Amount Raised per Member.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															BAPT'MS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes.			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Incr.	Net Decr'se.	GAINS.			LOSSES.					Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conver- sions.	Volumes in Library.	CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.	
							White.	Colored.					Profess'n of faith.	By Cer- tificate	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals.	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
Amundson...	\$3,032 85	\$2,670 00	\$7,283 10	\$34,448 82	\$5 22	13	6599	7	6606	6344	262	.....	486	145	631	80	225	62	2	369	240	240	44	742	4324	202	7766	41	\$225,100 00	4	\$6,525 00	\$11,100 10	
Lottes'le	764 50	2,581 71	2,058 38	15,782 10	2 69	13	5831	25	5856	5561	295	.....	615	535	1150	67	654	116	18	855	467	67	78	609	3550	341	6173	74	74,700 00	8	10,800 00	2,590 10	
Shburg..	893 79	2,411 58	4,597 14	22,742 81	3 22	22	6725	15	6740	6527	213	.....	525	210	735	89	381	51	1	522	309	96	83	859	4777	191	5556	77	99,550 00	9	19,750 00	9,740 00	
ville.....	744 53	3,381 68	1,366 05	15,721 02	3 39	14	4590	35	4625	4454	171	.....	375	551	926	38	675	38	4	755	281	29	75	590	3804	154	3821	73	77,953 00	6	10,450 00	3,450 00	
ville....	597 60	2,765 66	1,841 85	16,940 65	3 05	21	5522	20	5542	5407	135	.....	428	132	560	67	289	39	5	425	226	208	72	639	3420	132	5420	68	65,800 00	10	13,460 00	3,335 00	
rsburg...	1,288 55	3,639 73	3,979 35	23,907 59	4 56	21	5002	21	5023	4950	73	.....	316	219	535	65	321	69	7	462	130	159	69	779	3697	225	6922	67	94,725 00	4	11,500 00	6,016 00	
reesb'ro	484 94	1,869 76	1,791 77	16,063 60	2 49	21	6440	9	6449	6303	146	.....	421	125	546	87	132	59	1	400	245	106	73	732	3998	173	7099	75	91,120 00	7	8,500 00	3,950 00	
olk.. ....	1,595 41	2,527 82	6,391 97	30,689 42	5 20	25	5897	1	5898	5892	6	.....	457	185	642	122	376	108	30	636	187	216	45	764	3865	165	9541	51	153,250 00	11	23,600 00	6,962 00	
Macon.	935 25	5,727 24	1,240 68	17,263 96	2 91	21	5843	28	5871	5732	189	.....	327	130	457	83	166	53	16	318	178	66	75	802	4100	173	8,008	67	76,563 32	6	5,400 00	2,555 00	
Shore...	749 13	959 10	1,482 38	13,152 62	3 62	13	3628	4	3632	3303	329	.....	366	126	492	43	81	38	1	163	165	288	39	540	3065	95	4874	35	48,800 00	8	12,925 00	2,550 00	
r 1879...	11,086 55	28,534 28	32,032 67	206,712 59	3 68	184	56,077	165	56,242	54,473	1769	.....	4316	2358	6674	751	3300	633	85	4905	2428	1475	653	7056	38,600	1851	65,180	628	977,561 32	73	122,910 00	52,258 20	
r 1878...	12,023 74	26,390 06	36,271 78	209,774 68	3 85	179	54,286	187	54,473	54,473	2466	.....	4,655	2462	7117	662	3221	694	74	4651	2542	1467	639	6716	37,323	.....	64,908	611	1,037,145 00	65	113,650 00	55,629 83	
ase.....	.....	2,144 22	.....	.....	.....	5	1,791	.....	1,769	.....	.....	.....	4,655	2462	7117	.....	89	79	.....	11	254	.....	8	639	6716	37,323	.....	64,908	17	1,037,145 00	8	9,260 00	.....
ase.....	937 19	.....	4,239 11	3,196 45	17	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	697	.....	339	104	443	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	114	.....	.....	14	260	1,277	.....	272	.....	.....	59,583 68	.....	3,371 63



# VIII.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

### I.—TRAVELING PREACHERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* into the traveling connection.

The letters denote: E—Elder; D—Deacon; P—Probationer; Sy—Superannuated; Sd—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, Wm. E.	1879	E	Jackson. Northampton co., N. C.
2. Ames, Benjamin T.*	1858	E Sd	Locustville, Accomac co., Va.
3. Amiss, J. H.	1854	E	Hertford, N. C.
4. Anderson, J. M.	1857	E	Charlottesville, Va.
5. Armistead, R. A.	1868	E	No. 1 E. Cary street, Richmond, Va.
6. Askew, J. B.	1879	P	Hertford, N. C.
7. Atwill, William H.	1874	E	White Plains, Brunswick co., Va.
8. August, P. F.	1846	E	Williamsburg, Va.,
9. Austin, James.	1878	P	Midlothian, Chesterfield co., Va.
10. Bacon, H. T.	1865	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
11. Bain, W. F.	1851	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
12. Bayley, John.	1840	E	Lynchburg, Va.
13. Bayton, T. J.	1846	E	Norfolk, Va.
14. Beadles, R. B.	1855	E	Lancaster C. H., Va.
15. Beckham, T. M.	1863	E	Holly Dale, Lunenburg co., Va.
16. Bennett, W. W.	1842	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
17. Betty, L. B.	1875	E	Wilcox's Wharf, Charles City co., Va.
18. Bishop, M. L.	1848	E	Lynch's Station, Campbell co., Va.
19. Blackwell, J. D.	1846	E	Petersburg, Va.
20. Blankenship, R. B.	1877	D	Pittsylvania C. H.
21. Bledsoe, A. C.	1861	E	Lynchburg, Va.
22. Bledsoe, J. W.	1869	E	Charlottesville, Va.
23. Blincoe, J. W.	1857	E	Amelia C. H., Va.
24. Blogg, E. N. S.	1860	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
25. Boggs, T. H.	1855	E	Marengo, Mecklenburg co., Va.
26. Boggs, F. J.	1846	E	Petersburg, Va.
27. Boggs, C. H.	1851	E	Coman's Well, Sussex co., Va.
28. Booker, G. E.	1859	E	Gloucester C. H., Va.
29. Bowles, H. C.	1860	E Sy	Penns Store, Patrick co., Va.
30. Bradley, Paul.	1875	E	Montross, Westmoreland co., Va.
31. Badshaw, A. J.	1877	D	Genito, Powhatan co., Va.
32. Brannin, J. F.	1845	E	Heathsville, Northumberland co., Va.
33. Brown, A. G.	1853	E	Richmond, Va.
34. Burton, J. M.	1876	D	Culpeper C. H., Va.
35. Butts, D. G. C.	1870	E	King George C. H., Va.
36. Campbell, T. H.	1872	E	Princess Anne C. H., Va.
37. Camper, William H.*	1859	E Sy	Orange C. H., Va.
38. Carter, William.*	1836	E Sd	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
39. Chandler, R. M.	1876	D	Petersburg, Va.
40. Chandler, E. G.	1877	D	Brandy Station, Culpeper co., Va.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
41. Cheatham, H. C.	1857	E	Prospect, Prince Edward co., Va.
42. Christian, W. H.	1852	E	Suffolk, Va.
43. Clarke, J. S. R.*	1839	E Sy	Meherin Depot, Prince Edward co., Va.
44. Clarke, J. L.	1848	E	Cambridge, Md.
45. Colonna, M. S.	1858	E	Saluda, Middlesex co., Va.
46. Compton, J. W.	1860	E	Hendricks Store, Bedford.
47. Compton, R. A.	1862	E	Danville, Va.
48. Connelly, J. W.	1860	E	Barhamsville, New Kent Co., Va.
49. Crawley, C. D.	1874	D	Cartersville, Cumberland co., Va.
50. Crider, J. W.	1854	E	South Boston, Charlotte co., Va.
51. Crocker, W. A.	1848	E	Emmerton, Richmond co., Va.
52. Crooks, R. N.	1855	E	Atlee's, Hanover co., Va.
53. Crown, J. H.	1856	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock co., Va.
54. Dalby, J. H.	1874	E	Grafton, York co., Va.
55. Davis, F. A.	1837	E Sd	Princess Anne C. H.
56. De Berry, J. B.	1876	E	Currituck C. H., N. C.
57. Deshazo, J. E.	1875	E	Rocky Mount, Franklin co., Va.
58. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Ashland, Va.
59. Diggs, Thomas.	1843	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
60. Duke, T. P.	1877	D	Callaway, Franklin co., Va.
61. Early, Thomas H.	1859	E Sy	Lynchburg, Va.
62. Edwards, J. E.	1835	E	Richmond, Va.
63. Edwards, J. J.	1850	E	Gatesville, Gates co., N. C.
64. Edwards, W. E.	1862	E	Portsmouth, Va.
65. Edwards, F. M.	1863	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle co., Va.
66. Edwards, W. H.	1876	D	Burgess' Store, Northumberland co., Va.
67. Edwards, T. O.	1878	P	Hecks Wharf, Matthews co.
68. Evans, William E.	1876	D	Bowling Green, Caroline cc., Va.
69. Ferguson, Richard.	1869	E	North Garden, Albemarle co., Va.
70. Fisher, J. L.*	1846	E Sd	Portsmouth, Va.
71. Foushee, N. B.	1876	E	Marysville, Campbell co., Va.
72. Garland, J. P.	1858	E	Petersburg, Va.
73. Garlick, J. C.*	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
74. Gary, H. H.*	1839	E Sd	Red Hill, Albemarle co., Va.
75. Gates, J. E.	1871	E	Court House, Va.
76. Gayle, R. F.	1879	P	Halifax C. H., Va.
77. Gibbs, E. A.	1846	E	Charlotte C. H., Va.
78. Granbery, J. C.*	1848	E	Nashville, Tenn.
79. Green, C. H.	1873	E	Edan Upper Trappe, Wicomico co., Va.
80. Green, Wm. T.	1878	P	Whittle's Depot, Pittsylvania co., Va.
81. Gregory, R. A.*	1844	E Sd	Lynchburg, Va.
82. Gregory, W. H.	1871	E	Arrington, Nelson co., Va.
83. Guy, Lewis A.	1872	E	Hicksford, Greenville co., Va.
84. Hall, A. M.	1852	E	South Mills, Camden, N. C.
85. Hank, J. D.	1857	E	Cambridge, Dorchester, Md.
86. Harris, S. O.	1878	P	Roxburg, Essex co., Va.
87. Herring, B. S.	1874	E	Turbeville, Halifax co., Va.
88. Hilldrump, J. W.	1866	E	Oak Hall, Accomac co., Va.
89. Hobday, C. E.	1867	E	Indian Creek, Norfolk, Va.
90. Hope, H. M.	1873	E	Orange Court House, Va.
91. Howard, J. W.	1845	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham co., Va.
92. Hunter, J. S.	1870	E	Lynchburg, Va.
93. Jamieson, James.	1829	E	Clarksville, Mecklenburg co., Va.
94. Johnson, S. H.	1876	D	Westview, Goochland.
95. Jones, J. N.	1866	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
96. Jordan, W. P.	1869	E	Currituck, Nansemond co., N. C.
97. Jordan, E. M.	1869	E	Churchland, Norfolk co., Va.
98. Judkins, W. E.	1853	E	Richmond, Va.
99. Kabler, J. H.	1873	E	Allwood, Amherst co., Va.
100. Lafferty, J. J.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
101. Lambeth, S. S.	1857	E	Norfolk, Va.
102. Laughon, W. A.	1867	E	Dover Mines, Goochland co., Va.



NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
103. Laurens, J. B.	1853	S Sd	Richmond, Va.
104. Lear, Joseph.	1834	E	Petersburg, Va.
105. Lear, W. W.	1875	D	City Point, Va.
106. Lee, L. M.	1828	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
107. Lipscomb, B. F.	1876	D	Norfolk, Va.
108. Littleton, Oscar.	1850	E	Madison C. H., Va.
109. Lumpkin, W. G.	1854	E	Petersburg, Va.
110. Lumpkin, J. T.	1870	E	Edmund's Store, Brunswick co., Va.
111. Lumsden, J. D.	1838	E	Edan Upper Trappe, Wicomico co., Md.
112. Manning, Jacob.	1839	E	Smithfield, Va.
113. Martin, J. C.	1859	E	Suffolk, Nansemond co., Va.
114. Mastin, J. T.	1876	D	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
115. Maynard, J. H.	1873	E Sy	Surry C. H., Va.
116. McAden, James.*	1814	E Sd	South Hill, Mecklenburg co., Va.
117. McClelland, John.	1845	E Sd	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
118. McGee, William.	1843	E	Hampton, Va.
119. McSparran, J. E.	1857	E	Harrellsville, Bertie co., N. C.
120. Merritt, J. B.	1862	E	Portsmouth, Va.
121. Michaels, Robert.*	1836	E Sd	Amelia C. H., Va.
122. Mitchell, H. P.	1854	E	Portsmouth, Va.
123. Moore, J. T.*	1872	E	Amherst C. H., Va.
124. Moorman, S. T.*	1828	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
125. Moorman, R. J.*	1872	E	Salisbury (Eastern Shore), Md.
126. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Campbell C. H., Va.
127. Moss, John O.	1877	D	Woodville, Rappahannock co., Va.
128. Nolley, G. W.	1825	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
129. Norfleet, W. J.	1840	E Sy	Norfolk, Va.
130. Patterson, J. H.	1873	E	Danville, Va.
131. Payne, W. E.	1869	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna co., Va.
132. Payne, R. O.	1878	P	Manteo, Dare co., N. C.
133. Peterson, P. A.	1852	E	Danville, Va.
134. Peterson, E. M.	1852	E	Farmville, Va.
135. Potts, J. E.*	1853	E Sy	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
136. Pritchett, E. H.	1859	E	Louisa C. H., Va.
137. Proctor, J. A.	1852	E	Norfolk, Va.
138. Proctor, J. H.	1857	E	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie co., Va.
139. Pruden, N. J.	1876	D	Penn's Store, Patrick co., Va.
140. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Onancock, Accomac co., Va.
141. Reed, L. S.	1849	E	Danville, Va.
142. Reed, J. C.	1868	E	Blacks and Whites, Nottoway co., Va.
143. Rhodes, J. Q.	1869	E	Oak Forest, Cumberland co., Va.
144. Riddick, J. A.	1833	E Sp	Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va.
145. Riddick, J. H.	1854	E	Norfolk, Va.
146. Riddick, William H.	1877	D	Matoaca, Chesterfield co., Va.
147. Robins, W. F.	1862	E	Harris' Creek, Amherst co., Va.
148. Robins, J. W. S.	1877	D	Taylor's Island, Dorchester co., Va.
149. Robinson, Wm. A.*	1850	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
150. Rosser, Leonidas.	1838	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
151. Rosser, J. C.	1876	D	Manaquin, King William co., Va.
152. Rosser, J. N.	1878	P	Unionville, Orange co., Va.
153. Rowe, J. G.	1849	E	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
154. Rowzie, W. B.	1829	E	Charlotte C. H., Va.
155. Royall, W. W.	1875	E	Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va.
156. Saunders, J. M.	1842	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick co., Va.
157. Saunders, R. M.	1849	E	Norfolk, Va.
158. Scott, R. B.	1877	D	Lunenburg C. H., Va.
159. Shough, Jacob.*	1839	E Sd	Patrick C. H., Va.
160. Simpson, T. Mc. N.	1877	D	Berkley, Norfolk co., Va.
161. Sledd, R. N.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
162. Smithy, W. R.	1879	D	Chase City Mecklenburg co., Va.
163. Southall, J. D.*	1842	E	Whitmell, Pittsylvania co., Va.
164. Spencer, J. L.	1850	E	Bay View, Northampton co., Va.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
165. Spiller, B. C.	1848	E	Dunnsville, Essex co., Va.
166. Starr, W. G.	1865	E	Richmond, Va.
167. Stiff, James W.	1878	P	Burkville, Va.
168. Sturgis, Joseph R.	1878	D	Petersburg, Va., 58 N. Sycamore St.
169. Taylor, T. J.	1367	E	Concord, Campbell co., Va.
170. Taylor, W. C.	1869	D Sy	Kent Island, Md.
171. Tenneille, B. F.	1867	E	Margarettsville, Northampton co., N. C.
172. Traynham, D. J.	1878	D P	Peter's Creek, Patrick co., Va.
173. Tucker, J. W.*	1861	E	Martinsville, Henry co., Va.
174. Twilly, W. J.	1874	E	Berlin (Eastern Shore), Md.
175. Twitty, J. F.	1871	E	Farmville, Va.
176. Vaden, W. C.	1861	E	Richmond, Va., No. 716 24th St.
177. Vandershee, G. C.	1859	E	Matthews C. H., Va.
178. Waggener, J. R.	1849	E	Meherrin, Prince Edward co., Va.
179. Waggener, W. O.	1876	D	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
180. Wallace, D. M.	1853	E	Glendale, Henrico co., Va.
181. Wallace, J. S.	1879	D	Aspinwall, Charlotte co., Va.
182. Ware, T. A.*	1848	E Sy	Charlottesville, Va.
183. Warwick, A. B.	1877	D	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
184. Watson, J. C.	1859	E	Onancock, Accomac co., Va.
185. Watts, R. W.	1867	E	Standardsville, Greene co., Va.
186. Watts, C. E.	1866	E	New London, Campbell co., Va.
187. Wertenbaker, C. C.	1868	E	Pungoteague, Accomac, co., Va.
188. Whitehead, Paul.	1853	E	Farmville, Va.
189. Wiles, Alfred.	1844	E	Nixinton, Pasquotank co., N. C.
190. Wills, D. P.	1846	E	Lynchburg, Va.
191. Williams, B. M.*	1858	E	Savoy, Fannin co., Texas.
192. Williams, W. G.	1850	E	Chester, Chesterfield co., Va.
193. Williams, T. L.	1853	E	Franklin, Southampton co., Va.
194. Wilson, E. P.	1842	E	Petersburg, Va.
195. Wise, T. P.	1863	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
196. Woodward, B. F.	1844	E	Manchester, Va.
197. Woodward, J. P.	1853	E	Newsom's, Southampton co., Va.
198. Woodward, F. C.	1874	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
199. Wray, George W.	1877	D	Dispatch Station, New Kent co., Va.
200. Wright, William P.	1867	E	Richmond, Va.
201. Wright, George M.	1869	E	Scottsville, Va.
202. Wrenn, Chas. E.	1878	P	Shadwell, Albemarle co., Va.
203. Younger, R. H.	1876	D	Otterville, Bedford co., Va.
204. Zimmerman, Geo. H.	1878	D	Creiglersville, Madison co., Va.

## II.—LOCAL PREACHERS HAVING PASTORAL CHARGES.

Bailey, G. W.	Creiglersville, Madison co., Va.
Bailey, G. James.	Pittsylvania C. H.
Bailey, James.	Petersburg, Va.
Cox, A. H.	Harrellsville, Bertie co., N. C.
Grant, William.	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
Lee, R. A.	Leesville, Campbell co., Va.
Mullen, R. H.	Burnt Ordinary, James City co., Va.
Sledd, J. H.	Richmond, Va.
Stephens, R.	Orange C. H., Va.

### III—LAY DELEGATES 1879, And Members of Conference Boards.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	POSTOFFICES.
Anderson, Dr. G.,	Richmond,	Plain View, King and Queen co., Va.
Perdue, J. R.	"	Manchester, Va.
Turner, S. D.	"	Richmond, Va.
Wooldridge, S. D.	"	Richmond, Va.
Sanford, L.	Charlottesville,	
Smith, Prof. F. H.	"	University of Virginia.
Collins, J. F.	"	
Murray, H. D.* Bd. Miss.	"	Louisa Courthouse.
Turner, W. H.	"	
Shearer, W. N.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg, Va.
Thompson, J. L., Alt.	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Garland, M. H.	"	McIvor's Depot, Amherst Co., Va.
Winfree, C. V., Joint Bd. Fin.	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Pollard, Richard. Bd. Miss,	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Whitehead, Hon. Thomas*	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Hartwell, J. W.	Danville,	Rocky Mount, Franklin Co., Va.
Crowder, Rev. Geo. N.	"	Rocky Mount, Franklin Co., Va.
Pace, John R.,* Joint Bd. Fin	"	Danville, Va.
Smith, R. J.	"	
Guerrant, H. D.,* Bd. Miss.	"	Danville, Va.
Jopling, J. R.	"	Danville, Va.
Seymour, B. J.	Farmville,	
Ogburn, B. W.	"	
Pettis, T. T.	"	Meherrin, Pr. Edward Co., Va.
Blackwell, John D.	"	Lochleven, Lunenburg Co., Va.
Leitch, Thos. M., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	New Canton, Buckingham Co., Va.
Crowder, T. B., Bd, Miss.	"	Amelia Courthouse, Va.
Briggs, W. H.	Petersburg,	
Wingfield, Dr. J. A.	"	Parham's Store, Sussex Co., Va.
Warwick, Rev. B. P.	"	Petersburg, Va.
Hamlin, Col. T. B	"	Church Roads, Dinwiddie Co., Va.
Marks, Capt. L. L., Jt. B. Fin.	"	Petersburg, Va.
Gray, George,* Bd. Miss.	Murfreesboro,	Windsor, N. C.
Grant, Rev. Wm.	"	Jackson, Northampton Co., N. C.
Williams, H. Clay	"	Gatesville, N. C.
Baughan, Nat.	"	
Jacobs, Dr. J. C.	"	
Mason, T. W., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Garysville, N. C.
Brickhouse, S. N.	Norfolk,	Norfolk, Va.
Bumkley, J. T.	"	
Finley, Rev. I. R.	"	Portsmouth, Va.
Gornto, Geo. L., Alt.	"	Princess Anne Courthouse.
Bain, Geo. M., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Norfolk, Va.
Walters, J. H , Bd. Miss.	"	Norfolk, Va.
Irby, Richard	Randolph Macon	Ashland, Va.
Cockerell, Littleton	"	Burgess Store, Northumberland Co., Va
Chandler, W. T.	"	Bowling Green, Caroline Co., Va.
Davis, Rev. W. F., Alt.	"	Hague, Westmoreland Co., Va.
Kelly, A. G.	Eastern Shore,	Drummondtown, Accomac Co., Va.
Brodwater, Dr. J. E.	"	Temperanceville, Accomac Co., Va.
Byrd, A. F., Alt.	"	Temperanceville, Accomac Co., Va.
Travers, Rev. L. D.*	"	Taylor's Island, Dorchester, Md.
Tighlman, W. B., Alt.	"	Salisbury, Md.

## IX.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society was organized under the provisions of the Discipline, Ch. X, Sec. II, page 187, at Petersburg, Va., Nov. 17, 1878; and its first Annual Meeting was held in Norfolk, November 24, 1879. The officers elected for the year are as follows:

PRESIDENT—Mrs. E. L. C. Harrison, Richmond, Va.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—Mrs. John S. Walker, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. R. M. Saunders, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. J. R. Stegar, Danville, Va.; Mrs. Paul Whitehead, Farmville, Va.; Mrs. E. S. Brown, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. F. H. Smith, University of Virginia; Mrs. L. L. Marks, Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. ——— Scott, Eastern Shore, Va.; Mrs. W. A. Shepard, Ashland, Va.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Charles H. Hall, Petersburg, Va.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Mrs. David Dugger, Petersburg, Va.

TREASURER—Mrs. John Bayley, Lynchburg, Va.

The interesting report of the Corresponding Secretary informs us that during the year just past, auxiliary societies have been established as follows: Richmond, three; Danville, two; Lynchburg, two; Petersburg, two; Norfolk, one; Charlottesville, one; Boydton, one; total, twelve; having in all, four hundred and sixty-three members. The following is the report of the Treasurer of the moneys received for the first year of the Society's existence:

Main street, Danville.....	\$ 84 50
Lynn street, Danville.....	40 00
Court street, Lynchburg.....	81 20
Trinity, Richmond.....	21 05
Clay street, Richmond.....	11 00
Charlottesville.....	16 00
Washington street, Petersburg.....	52 55
Centenary, Lynchburg.....	16 80
Centenary, Richmond.....	50 00
Boydton.....	48 75
Nottoway Circuit.....	32 70
Lunenburg Circuit.....	11 00
New London, Bedford Springs Circuit.....	5 00
Market street, Petersburg.....	30 00
Total.....	\$500 55

Hereafter the receipts of the Society will appear in the Financial Exhibit, according to the plan of the Conference. (See Reports.)

This Society is auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and its object is to enlist and unite the efforts of our Christian women in the work of sending the gospel to their heathen sisters, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers and readers. And in view

of the fact, that in most of the heathen countries, women are only accessible to teachers of their own sex this movement, wisely authorized by our last General Conference, has a strong claim to the fostering care and liberal support of the Church. Its work is conducted in connection with that of the Board of Missions at Nashville, Tenn., and is subject to its advice and approval. All appropriations are made through the Nashville Board, and with its sanction. It is hoped that auxiliaries will soon be formed in all our Circuits and Stations. An eloquent extract from the report of the President is appended:

"We would urge upon our women to be energetic and untiring in their labors of love; for, 'in due season, we shall reap if we faint not.' The subject should be often brought before our people, and earnest efforts should be made to enlist their sympathies and active co-operation. Let each one do what she can, however small her offering may necessarily be—she should not forget the beautiful commendation our blessed Lord bestowed upon the poor widow who cast in her two mites.

"We would most affectionately and earnestly solicit the aid and co-operation of our brethren in the ministry—without it we can do but little in forming societies; and with a small effort upon their part, this most important object might be easily effected. We trust they will give the whole subject their prayerful consideration.

"Our hearts have been cheered and gladdened by the encouraging news we are constantly learning of the wonderful success of our missionary efforts in foreign lands; the field is already white to the harvest. We only want laborers.

"May the Great Head of the Church widen and strengthen this work until we shall see the 'desert rejoice and blossom as the rose,' and 'the knowledge of the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.'"



# THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

## ITS STARTING POINT AND SESSIONAL HISTORY.

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This subject was brought before the Conference at Norfolk by the preamble and resolution offered by Alex. G. Brown, and adopted (see Journal, page 7); it was referred to the committee provided for in the above-mentioned resolution, consisting of Alex. G. Brown, Leroy M. Lee, Peter A. Peterson, John E. Edwards and George W. Nolley; this committee submitted an elaborate and carefully-prepared report, which was briefly discussed, and then, for want of time (for the Conference was hastening to a close), the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next Conference, and the Committee was continued. The substance of this report, with a few additional facts, is appended for the information of the reader.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

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curacy, which not only sustains an intimate relation to the work of our ecclesiastical fathers—dear to us by a thousand memories—but seriously affects the historical relations of our Conference to American Methodism, and especially to the glorious Confederacy of Southern Methodist Conferences. Hence, in performing the duty assigned them, they have carefully consulted the most reliable historical authorities, and the facts elicited from these sources have been thoroughly, patiently and deliberately considered. We respectfully submit the results of our investigations for your consideration and approval :

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required to receive them at the hands of others. Such was its ecclesiastical status and relations up to the close of the year 1784, when the first General Conference was held (called the Christmas Conference, because held in the Christmas week).

#### DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS.

This point closes the first historic period of American Methodism. Let us pause a moment, and looking back, inquire, What were the distinctive characteristics of the twelve Conferences preceding the formal organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the winter of 1784? Their minutes are briefly published in the first volume of the General Minutes, from page 5 to page 49, under the heading, "MINUTES OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REV. JOHN WESLEY." This is their official designation. They possessed, of themselves, no legislative authority; and their proceedings, unless approved by Mr. Wesley, had no legal character or value; their authority to act was in all cases derived from Mr. Wesley, their constitutional and legal head. Having, of themselves, no legislative or legal authority, their proceedings were literally "CONVERSATIONS" in regard to their great work.\* They were convened at the call first of Mr. Rankin, and then of Mr. Asbury, who were the authorized assistants of Mr. Wesley in supervising the societies in America. Their sessions were held in first one State and then in another, and each one, wherever held, was the Conference, not for the State in which it chanced to be held, but for all the societies in the United States, and adjourned sessions were frequently held for the convenience of Mr. Asbury and the preachers. Hence, none of these were, strictly speaking, *Annual Conferences*, and no *Annual Conference*, as now, or heretofore, recognized in our ecclesiastical nomenclature, can date its annual sessions from any one of these Conferences; and it conclusively follows, that though six of these Conferences were held in Virginia, and five of them were held in the territory subsequently assigned to the Virginia Annual Conference, yet it would be obviously inadmissible to claim any one of them as the historical starting point of this Conference.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.

We now approach the most interesting and important period in the history of American Methodism. The war of the Revolution, which had seriously retarded its progress, was over; the independence of the United States had been confirmed by the peace of 1783; and the authority of England, both civil and ecclesiastical, was at an end in this country. Thus, the quasi-connection of the Methodist "SOCIETIES" with the Church of England, and, indeed, their relation to Mr. Wesley, their recognized founder and head, who was a minister of that Church, and devotedly loyal, both to the Church and the throne of England, was providentially dissolved. Mr. Wesley, as was his wont in all things,

\*N. B.—Prior to the death of Mr. Wesley, the proceedings of the English Conference were of the same character and are similarly designated,



promptly recognized the Mighty Hand of God in this matter, and took measures, on the application of the American "Societies," to organize them into a SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT CHURCH. To carry into effect the proposed organization, a General Conference of all the preachers was called, to meet in Baltimore at Christmas, 1784. Sixty out of the eighty-three preachers, then in the traveling connection, attended at the appointed time. At this Conference, it was unanimously agreed to become a separate and independent Ecclesiastical Body, under the denomination of THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Dr. Coke and Mr. Asbury were appointed Bishops, or Superintendents, as they were first called. Mr. Asbury and a number of the preachers were ordained; the articles of religion, as drawn up by Mr. Wesley, were approved, as the scriptural symbols of our faith; a form of Discipline for the government of the Church was adopted, and henceforth, Methodism, no longer known as the Methodist "SOCIETIES," in connection with the Rev. John Wesley, went forth as a CHURCH, organized and equipped for her great work in spreading scriptural holiness through these lands.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE HISTORY BEGINS.

Now, just here, on the adjournment of the FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE, begins the history of "THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES." (See General Minutes, 1st Vol., page 49.) Prior to this, the proceedings of the Conference (for there was but one) through all the preceding years of its history, are headed, "MINUTES OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REV. JOHN WESLEY." But from this time the heading is, "MINUTES TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH." This change of phraseology in the heading of the Minutes, was not accidental or unmeaning. No; it was demanded by the change which had taken place in the ecclesiastical status and relations of American Methodism. Henceforth Methodism was a CHURCH—not "SOCIETIES;" and its yearly Conference sessions were ANNUAL CONFERENCES—not conversational meetings of the preachers in connection with the Rev. John Wesley. As Annual Conferences, they were integrant members of the Ecclesiastical Body of "THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH;" their sessions were held, not by the ASSISTANTS of Mr. Wesley, but by the BISHOPS of the Methodist Episcopal Church; their members were not LAY PREACHERS, but regularly ORDAINED MINISTERS, duly authorized to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments to their congregations; and their proceedings were not ADVISORY CONVERSATIONS between the preachers in connection with the Rev. John Wesley, but the LEGAL AND AUTHORITATIVE ACTS of "THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," having the constitutional right, as constituent members of the "Body Ecclesiastic," to make and execute its laws.

#### CONFERENCES FROM 1784 TO 1796.

This year, 1785, three ANNUAL CONFERENCES were duly appointed



and held: One at Green Hill's, in North Carolina, beginning April 20th; one at Mr. Mason's, Brunswick county, Va., beginning May 1st; and one in the city of Baltimore, beginning June 1st. An equal number was held in 1786 and '87; in 1788, there were seven; in 1789, eleven; in 1790, fourteen; in 1791, thirteen; in 1792, seventeen; in 1793, nineteen; in 1794, fourteen; in 1795, seven; and in 1796, seven.

Now, mark you, these Conferences were not adjourned sessions of the same ecclesiastical body, as were the Conferences held in the same ecclesiastical year, prior to the formal organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church. No, they were the "SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES." Hence, their proceedings appear in the General Minutes, under the heading, "MINUTES TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES," and in reply to the question, "Where shall our next Conferences (not Conference, as before) be held?" the places and dates of their several annual sessions are given. And as this is an important point, we beg your attention to the fact, that Jesse Lee, in his "Short History of the Methodists," has numbered and recorded them as separate and distinct Conferences, and on page 118, referring to the year 1785, he says: "This was the first time that we had more than ONE REGULAR CONFERENCE in the same year. For a few years before this, we had two Conferences the same year; but they were considered as only one—begun in one place and adjourned to another. NOW THERE WERE THREE (that is, *three regular Conferences*) AND NO ADJOURNMENT."

The testimony of Mr. Stevens is to the same effect. He says, Vol. 2, page 494: "Down to 1785, the two or more annual sessions were understood to be but ONE CONFERENCE, holding adjourned meetings. But the Church, invigorated by its more thorough organization, now rapidly enlarged, and its CONFERENCES MULTIPLIED, and they were no longer considered as adjourned sessions of the same body but the SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES."

#### RECAPITULATION.

Hence we claim that the history of the Annual Conferences, as a distinctive form of Conference organization, distinguished from the General Conferences on the one hand, and the Quarterly Conferences on the other, dates from the origin of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as a separate and independent ecclesiastical body; which, in the language of Mr. Stevens, "FORMS THE LEGITIMATE STARTING POINT OF ALL THE REMAINING HISTORY OF AMERICAN METHODISM."

We have shown that this view of the subject, which to our minds is self-evident, is fully authorized and sustained by the General Minutes, which is the highest official record of the Church, specially prepared for the Church, by her own duly appointed and approved agents; and that, the testimony of the General Minutes, on this point, is strongly corroborated by the explicit statements of our most reliable historical authorities.

#### REMARKS.

And now, standing upon this sure foundation of fact and argument,

let us briefly review this second historic period of American Methodism, calling special attention to three remarks of great value and importance, under which many subordinate and apparently conflicting facts, may be very readily classified, explained and harmonized.

1. The legal powers and jurisdiction of the Annual as distinguished from the General Conferences were not determined until the General Conference of 1792, which was the first session of the Quadrennial General Conference. Prior to this, the Annual Conferences were both legislative and administrative bodies. Hence, grave questions of legislation were sometimes submitted to them; and to avoid, as far as possible, the delay and inconvenience of separate Conference action, joint sessions were sometimes held of two or more Conferences. This, however, was inconvenient and troublesome. Hence, all legislative powers were transferred to the General Conference; and since then, the jurisdiction of the Annual Conferences has been limited to purely administrative matters.

2. The Annual Conferences were not assigned to definite territorial boundaries until the General Conference of 1796. Then these boundaries were definitely, though not unalterably, fixed and defined. We repeat not *unalterably*; for the very next year a new Conference was organized. Since then, changes have been made at almost every session of the General Conference, with respect to their names, their number and their boundaries. These facts, however, are only *INCIDENTAL* to the early history of the Annual Conferences. They are by no means *ESSENTIAL* to their existence, as a distinctive form of Conference organization, which *ANTEDATES* all General Conference action in regard to the geographical limits.

3. The word "ANNUAL" was not legally affixed to their names until the General Conference of 1816. The History of the Disciples, by Robert Emory, page 110, says, "To avoid repetition, it is here stated, once for all, that throughout the Discipline of 1792, the ANNUAL CONFERENCES are called "DISTRICT CONFERENCES;" in 1796 "DISTRICT" was changed to 'YEARLY,' and that to 'ANNUAL' in 1816." Thus, it appears that, *TECHNICALLY*, there were no Annual Conferences until 1816; but that *SUBSTANTIALLY* they have existed under all of these technical changes.

Now who would plead this mere technicality as against the substantial truth of history? And if plead against the Conferences from 1784 to 1796, would not the argument be equally good, as against those from 1796 to 1816? And thus applied, would it not be equally untrue to the substantial facts of history in both cases?

#### THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Leaving you to reflect upon these suggestive facts, let us ask, What is the true starting point of the history and sessional meetings of the Virginia Annual Conference? Your Committee would express the decided opinion that May 1st, 1785, is the true sessional starting point of our Conference. In support of this proposition, we beg your attention to the following very obvious reasons:

First. The first meeting of a Conference, for regular Conference purposes and for the transaction of regular Conference business, duly appointed and held by competent authority—when thus assembled—forms the starting point of the Body, and fixes the date of its origin.

Second. The first meeting of the Conference now known as the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was duly appointed and held by competent authority at the house of Mr. Mason, Brunswick county, Va., beginning May 1st, 1785. Dr. Coke and Bishop Asbury were present, and the regular business of the Annual Conference was then and there transacted.

Thirdly. From that date, May 1st, 1785, a session of this Conference has been held year after year, in regular consecutive order, by competent authority, and within the geographical limits subsequently assigned to it by the General Conference of 1796. When and where these consecutive sessions were held is duly recorded in the General Minutes, and need not be mentioned in this report, except as to those in controversy, which are as follows; Lane's Chapel, Sussex county, April, 1786; Rough Creek, Charlotte county, April, 1787; Petersburg, June, 1788; Petersburg, June, 1789; Lane's Chapel, Sussex county, June, 1790; Petersburg, April, 1791; Lane's Chapel, Sussex county, December, 1791;\* Manchester, November, 1792; Petersburg, November, 1793; Mabery's Chapel, Greensville county, November, 1794; Salem, Mecklenburg county, November, 1795.†

Fourth. In accepting May 1st, 1785, as the true starting point of our Annual Conference history, we are sustained by the general analogy of Annual Conference records. For example, the Baltimore Annual Conference dates from that year. Hence its last session, held March, 1879, is recorded in the published minutes as the ninety-fifth. Hence it appears to be ten years older than the Virginia Annual Conference, when, in fact, these two Conferences are precisely the same age. The Virginia and the Baltimore Annual Conferences were born the same year, and in the history of American Methodism they stand side by side, at the very head of the list of Annual Conferences. Why not conform our Conference Journal to this historic fact? The Baltimore has done so; why not Virginia?

Take the South Carolina Conference, whose last Annual Session is published as the ninety-third. It does not date from the time when its geographical boundaries were fixed. No, its first Annual Conference session, held in Charleston, February, 1787, at which Dr. Coke and Bishop Asbury were present and presiding, is claimed as the true starting point of its history. Hence it dates from this time and its last

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\*Two sessions were also held in 1841, viz., at Lynchburg, in January, and at Portsmouth, in November. If this did not destroy its character as an ANNUAL Conference in 1841, why should it do so in 1791?

†Conferences were held elsewhere in Virginia, *but not within the territory subsequently assigned to our Conference*, except two very short sessions, one in Hanover and the other in Caroline, which were held purely for the convenience of a few preachers. But those given above, are the sessions in regular succession, by locality, membership and position.

session appears in its published minutes as the ninety-third. Why should we not do likewise? Why should we not claim the first session of the Virginia Annual Conference, regularly held May 1st, 1785, as the true starting point of our Annual Conference history? Why should its date be fixed seven years later than that of the South Carolina Conference, when, in fact, the Virginia Annual Conference was duly appointed, organized and held, at least two years before her sister Conference of the Palmetto State came into existence? Your Committee are well satisfied that the date of our Journal not only violates all the analogies of the Annual Conference records of American Methodism, but is also strangely in conflict with the indisputable facts of history, and if not wholly arbitrary, rests upon a principle that we should not approve.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

In consideration of these premises, your Committee would respectfully submit for your adoption the following preamble and resolutions, to wit:

WHEREAS, We believe that the first session of a Conference, duly appointed and held by competent authority, fixes the date of its origin, and forms the starting point of its sessional history; and whereas a session of the Conference now known as the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was duly appointed and held by Bishops Coke and Asbury at the house of Mr. Mason, in Brunswick county, Virginia, May 1st, 1785; and whereas from that day to this a session thereof has been held in regular consecutive order, year after year, within the geographical limits assigned to it by the General Conference of 1796; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Conference be, and he is hereby instructed, to conform the Conference Journal to these historical facts, numbering this as the ninety-fifth session of the Virginia Annual Conference.

*Resolved*, That the history of this subject, as above recited, shall be entered on record and published in the Conference Minutes.

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